

Delighting in God's Sacred Presence

ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE—Approach the Lord reverently and humbly.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God." (Matthew 5:8)

- **Be Reverent: respect God's supreme authority and greatness.**

You must recognize the authority of the Lord who commands armies. He is the One you must respect; He is the One you must fear. (Isaiah 8:13)

- **Be Focused: meditate on God's character and deeds; worship Him.**

O LORD, You are great, mighty, majestic, magnificent, glorious, and sovereign over all the sky and earth! You have dominion and exalt Yourself as the Ruler of all. (1 Chronicles 29:11)

- **Be Clean: confess any selfish attitudes or sinful actions.**

But if we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous, forgiving us our sins and cleansing us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

ENJOY GOD'S FRIENDSHIP—Take pleasure in the Lord while reading and praying.

"Listen! I am standing at the door and knocking! If anyone hears My voice and opens the door I will come into his home and share a meal with him, and he with Me." (Revelation 3:20)

- **Read Your Bible: anticipate God speaking directly to you.**

Open my eyes so I can truly see the marvelous things in Your law! (Psalm 119:18)

- **Record Your Highlights: write key insights, promises, and action steps.**

But the one who peers into the perfect law of liberty and fixes his attention there, and does not become a forgetful listener but one who lives it out—he will be blessed in what he does. (James 1:25)

- **Pray from Your Heart: talk openly with God about what matters most.**

"When you call out to Me and come to Me in prayer, I will hear your prayers. ¹³When you seek Me in prayer and worship, you will find Me available to you. If you seek Me with all your heart and soul, ¹⁴I will make Myself available to you," says the LORD. (Jeremiah 29:12-14a)

ABIDE IN CHRIST—Walk by faith in the Lord's sacred presence all day.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in Me—and I in him—bears much fruit, because apart from Me you can accomplish nothing." (John 15:5)

- **Pledge Allegiance: promise you will yield to God's loving leadership.**

Today you have declared the LORD to be your God, and that you will walk in His ways, keep His statutes, commandments, and ordinances, and obey Him. ¹⁸And today the LORD has declared you to be His special people (Deuteronomy 26:17-18a)

- **Expect Direction: trust and obey the Holy Spirit's soft voice.**

But I say, live by the Spirit and you will not carry out the desires of the flesh. (Galatians 5:16)

- **Bear Good Fruit: deny yourself and work hard; please God and serve people.**

So that you may live worthily of the Lord and please Him in all respects—bearing fruit in every good deed, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹being strengthened with all power according to His glorious might for the display of all patience and steadfastness, joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father who has qualified you to share in the saints' inheritance in the light. (Colossians 1:10-12)

REACH YOUR PEAK—Evaluate today and transform tomorrow.

Examine me, O LORD, and test me! Evaluate my inner thoughts and motives ³For I am ever aware of Your faithfulness, and Your loyalty continually motivates me. (Psalm 26:2-3)

- **Evaluate Today: recall events & ideas, successes & failures, joys & sorrows.**

But examine all things; hold fast to what is good. ²²Stay away from every form of evil. (1 Thess. 5:21-22)

- **Address Issues: decide how you can adjust and improve.**

Therefore be very careful how you live—not as unwise but as wise (Ephesians 5:15)

- **Transform Tomorrow: prioritize your activities and pray for your plans.**

All a person's ways seem right in his own opinion, but the LORD evaluates the motives. ³Commit your works to the LORD, and your plans will be established. (Proverbs 16:2-3)

***Application:** Find a trusted, likeminded friend who will keep you accountable!