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CLOSENESS WITH GOD

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Close Relationship

Gen 5:22 (The Voice)

After Methuselah was born, Enoch lived in a close relationship with God for 300 more years; he also had other sons and daughters.

Enoch kept his relationship with God a top priority for over 300 years. For such a relationship to be considered "close", he would have had to take time to share his true thoughts, feelings, and desires with God in prayerful conversation constantly, and to equally listen to and respect God's voice as well. Walking "closely" with God required walking faithfully with God. He did not measure how his relationship with God was by anything other than by his love, faith and intimacy with God. He saw God standing by Him each day, all day, as a friend, for over 300 years. How much do we know about connecting with and living intimately with God? Is this our priority? Do we make an effort to know how to live closely with God? What does it mean to live closely with God?

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Whatever You Do

1 John 4:16 (NIV)

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

1 Chronicles 28:9a (NIV)

"And you, my son Solomon, acknowledge the God of your father, and serve him with wholehearted devotion and with a willing mind."

Colossians 3:23 (NIV)

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.

David also knew about having a close relationship with God. He told his son Solomon to acknowledge and serve "the God of his father" with a complete heart and a willing mind. Also, Paul told the Colossian believers to work at everything they did with all their heart as working for the Lord. What does the lesson about Enoch tell us about having a relationship with God? It shows that closeness with God means having an attitude of knowing that God is always standing closely by you and letting that influence your every thought and action. God is not policing us but rather walking with us in love.

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Take Away

Walking closely with God means having an attitude of knowing that God is always standing beside you and letting that knowledge influence your every thought and action. Enoch did that for over 300 years. May the Holy Spirit help us to live closely with God every day of our lives. Amen!

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