

## Deepening our Journey with the Lord –

“Stepping into the Happiness of growing relationship with Christ”

- 1) **Introduction:** How do we incorporate a deepening connection with the Lord in all matters of life, without making it a legalistic, religious formality - that is clunky and robs people of Joy of the Lord.

**Matt. 5: 16 - Point people to the Lord, by the Light and joy of your Life.**

## 2) **Contrast between the Old Testament and the New:**

- A) **Rom. 8: 3** <sup>3</sup>The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. [a]

**Dilemma that faced people in the Old Testament:** Couldn't relate to God.  
**Deut. 4: 11 – 14**

- B) **The New testament Jesus' victory at the cross – Changed everything**  
**Rom. 8:3b, 9, 26-27 Divine Help to know God and Obey Him!**

With Christ Victory we are able to link into the power of Holy Spirit and Overcome the flesh and distractions that pull us back into world.

**Phil. 2: 13 - God is doing His part to offer the direction, desire and power.**

## 3) **Is there anything in the Old testament that is worth**

reflecting on that ties into our lesson today? YES - Deut. 6: 4- 9

**Engaging in consistent reminders of God's plan, favor and presence.**

## 4) **Moving from Duty, Discipline and Determination too –**

**Friendship, Fellowship, Joy and Companionship.**

- A) **This part is what was lacking in the Old Testament.**

B) **Jesus was about change all that.** Col. 1: 15, 19-20, John 14: 21, 23, John 15:14-16

C) **David and others broke the stereotype of the Old testament – Psalm 84**

## 5) **Living in an Old Testament Mentality, Means** I'm going to Obey God, follow His commands and grind out my Christian journey no matter what it takes!!

## 6) **Steps to Move into the New testament Mentality – Deepening my passion and fellowship with the Lord, to draw me into a place of hunger and enthusiasm to go where ever He leads.**

A) Look at what a couple goes through in courtship.

B) Recognize that one time a week relationship isn't enough.

C) Relying on other people to meet God for you, is not enough.

**7) Your personal encounter with God on a more regular basis:**

- A) It is a style that fits you and only you. Don't try to be someone else.
  - Find out what works for you
  - Practice and stick to it. Get over the awkwardness of it.
- B) Allow time for it to develop. ( Be tenacious and determined) Opps!
- C) The more you do this, the more His presence and personality will affect you.

**8) Coming into the shift:** Going from grinding it out, looking forward to your Time and fellowship.

**I John 5: 3 -**

- Time spent with Him will be the best time of your day
- It will inspire you through the challenges of the day ahead.
- His aroma and presence will go with you into market place.

**9) Here is the irony of the Whole Journey:**

**Brother Lawrence: 17<sup>th</sup> Century Monk**

“Do not be discouraged by the resistance you will encounter from your human nature; you must go against your human inclinations. Often, in the beginning, you will think that you are wasting time, but you must go on, be determined and persevere in it.”