

Day 12

Psalm 142.2-3a

John 15.14

1 Timothy 6.21a

Day 12 - Developing Your Friendship with God

You can be as close to God as you choose to be. Unfortunately, that means if you aren't very close to God, it's because you don't care enough to do it. God wants to get close to you and is willing to do whatever it takes on his end. We just have to be willing to try on our side. In order to get closer to him, we have to make some choices.

I must choose to be honest with God. God already knows what is going on in our lives and in our hearts. When we don't admit how we feel or what we are doing, then we don't get very close to God. God wants us to let him know just how we feel about things.

I must choose to obey God. If we really want to get closer to God, we'll do what he asks and not put it off. By refusing to do what he asks or trying to say we'll do it later, we are saying that something else is more important than God. God wants what is best for us, so by not doing it we are hurting ourselves, even if we don't understand it. One thing that is very important to God is telling others about him. When we don't, we are telling God he isn't important to us. It's that simple. If we want to get close to God, we'll do it.

I must want friendship with God more than anything else. More than worrying about what others will think or say. More than money. More than anything. If I really want to get close to God, I have to realize that nothing else is more important than this. It will be hard at times, but it will always be worth it.

There is nothing more important to our lives than God. Every day we make choices to get closer to him or ignore him. God tells us in the Bible that he gets very offended by people who tell him they want a friendship with him, but then won't do what it takes. ["I know you inside and out, and find little to my liking. You're not cold, you're not hot-far better to be either cold or hot! You're stale. You're stagnant. You make me want to vomit." - Revelation 3.16 (the Message)] He knows that if it matters to us we'll do it, and he knows that if we don't do it, we don't care. No excuses.

Thinking about my purpose:

Know. I'm as close to God as I choose to be.

Remember. " Draw close to God, and he will draw close to you." -James 4.8a (NLT)

Think about it. What do I need to do to get closer to God that I will do every day?