

Reflecting the Principle through Self Evaluation

Life Principle #1

*Our intimacy with God – His highest priority for our lives –
determines the impact of our lives.*

- How have you been pursuing an intimate relationship with God in the last week, last month, last year?
- Are you allowing your relationship with God to suffer
 - ...by not faithfully reading your Bible?
 - ...by not communicating with Him through prayer?
 - ...by excusing sin in your life?
 - ...by ignoring your oneness with Him?
- Is there a barrier to your intimacy with God such as pride, rebellion, or you not taking time to devote to Him?

Requirements for an Intimate Relationship with God

- **A Spiritual Focus.** Relate to God on an emotional & spiritual level.
- **Personal Involvement.** The Holy Spirit lives within every believer, giving each one the ability to develop a personal friendship with Christ.
- **Trust.** Intimacy cannot exist without trust. If you refuse to surrender to and obey God, you can't expect to have an intimate relationship with Him.
- **Love.** Oneness with God must be motivated out of love, not duty.
- **Openness and Transparency.** Confess specific sins and shortcomings to the Lord. Be honest with Him, and intimacy will grow.
- **Two-way Communication.** Ask the Father to show you how to hear His guidance for your life, and set aside time to listen to Him.
- **Time and Effort.** You must devote yourself to knowing the Lord if you want to experience the fullness of friendship with Him.

Benefits of Intimacy with the Father

- **Stability:** In the midst of life's storms, a solid relationship with God is your anchor
- **Security:** God is always with you, ready to help in any situation or circumstance.
- **Serenity:** Intimacy gives you quietness and peace in your spirit, no matter what happens.
- **Sensitivity:** God will give you greater spiritual understanding and increased awareness.