

Reflecting the Principle through Self Evaluation

Life Principle #4

The awareness of God's presence energizes us for our work.

- Can you think of a time in your life where you knew without a doubt God was present and speaking to your heart?
- When was the last time you felt God's presence in a special way?
- How do you define God's presence in your life?
- Are you in a position spiritually or have you allowed yourself to surrender to God in such a way that He is showing Himself to you in a very powerful way?
- How are you blocking God's Spirit from motivating you to live a godly life?

How does the presence of God energize us?

- **We are motivated to live godly lives.** Being in the presence of the universe's awesome Creator inspires us to make righteous choices.
- **His presence empowers us to overcome challenges.** David knew Jehovah would defend His name and give him the victory against Goliath (1 Sam. 17:45-47).
- **Experiencing His presence reminds us of how He worked in the past.** As we recall biblical examples of His faithfulness, we have supernatural peace and confidence in every situation.
- **We gain His perspective.** God revealed to Elisha's servant that angelic warriors outnumbered King Aram's army (2 Kings 6:11-17). The Lord's presence helps us see life from His viewpoint.

The Presence Of God

The presence of God is the revealing of God by His Spirit to our spirit for the purpose of enabling, energizing, informing or warning us. There is a direct relationship between the Spirit of God and the way God manifests Himself. The Holy Spirit dwells in each believer from the moment of salvation. His purpose is to empower, teach and reveal the meaning of Scripture. He enables us to be more Christ-like. Apart from the Holy Spirit, we can't fellowship with God or experience His power working through us.