**MINISTERIAL SPOUSES’ CURRICULUM GUIDE: LECTURES**

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**Lesson 5**

**Enriching Your Walk with God**

**Slide #1**

“O God, Thou art my God, early will I seek Thee.” Psa. 63:1

“My voice shall thou hear in the morning, O Lord: in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee.” Psa. 5:3

**Slide #2**

The Christian life ought to be an exciting, radiant adventure.

Many Christians fall out by the way because they experience little or no joy in their walk with God. On the other hand, many have discovered the joy of living and walking with Jesus. The more we walk, the better it becomes. Success is much more likely if God is given a central place.

**Slide #3**

**Commune Daily through Prayer. Slide #4**

**Commune Regularly.** Communing with God should be habitual and regular. Our meeting with Him should not be haphazard and incidental. We must make and keep appointments with our King.

**Slide # 6.**

**The Importance of a Devotional Life**

1. **Slide #6**. It fills a void in the human soul. We have a longing to connect with Jesus. We were made for that connection. Our devotional life brings a closer connection to God.

“Those who devote some time every day to meditation a day will be connected to heaven.” *5T* 607

1. **Slide #7.** It gives uncommon strength. There is a freshness and energy when we commune with God. Renewed strength comes to us after we have been “in the garden” with Jesus.
2. **Slide #8.** It enhances our Christian witness. It is only by connecting to the Source that we could be filled to fill others.

“No man high or low... can steadily maintain before his fellow men a pure forceful life unless his life is hid with Christ in God.” *7T* 194

1. It gives spiritual health.

“Communion with God is highly essential for spiritual health.”

**How to Enrich your Christian Walk with God. Slide #9**

1. Ask God to impress this need upon you. The passion for this walk will compel you to pursue it. Jesus waits for our invitation.
2. Study and revise your present schedule. It is amazing how planning can make this walk possible. If we plan for our devotions, we can realize them. Let us not treat Jesus as an interruption of our important business.
3. Make a personal devotional covenant with God. God will increase your will and give you the strength to do your part. Covenant, commitment, pledge? Be serious about your walk.

Commune regularly with God through **prayer.** Prayer is defined as the “breath of the soul,” “talking to God as to a friend,” “the key that unlocks heaven’s storehouse.”

**Elements of Enriching the Walk. Slide # 10-20**

**Personal devotions**. This is a time alone with God. It is a time for prayer and Bible study, as well as meditating.

**Family devotions**. At this time the family gets together to worship and praise God. Ideally it should be morning and evening. It should be “short, interesting, brief, full of life, most enjoyable time of the day.” E G White. It is a good idea to gear family devotions to the youngest member of the family.

Prayer is the most important element of the walk with God. One method of praying is using the ACTS method as a structure. The ACTS method:

 A Adoration (praise)

 C Confession

 T Thankfulness

 S Supplication

Some examples of prayers.

Ex. 25:21, 22; 1 Thess. 5:17; Psa. 4:3, 4; 77:6; Matt.21:22

Ill. Daniel - Dan. 6:10

 Jesus - Luke 6:12

**Discern God's will through a study of His word.**

Methods of Bible study - verse, chapter, book, topic, key words

Tools for Bible study - Notebook, Concordance, Bible Commentary

Jer. 15:16 Job 23:12

John 5:39 Psa. 119:105

**Develop an attitude of gratitude, praise and thankfulness.**

Praise God for what He is. Thank Him for what He does.

Psa. 9:1, 2 1 Thess. 5:16 - 18

Psa. 22:22, 25 2 Sam. 22:47 - 51

Psa. 30:12; 33:1; 34:1 Col. 3:15

Eph. 5:20 Phil. 4:6

Psa. 119:164

Psa. 22:25

**Develop a sensitivity to sin and claim Christ's power to overcome it.**

Isa. 6:5; Dan. 10:8; Luke 5:8; Jude 24; Phil 4:13; Dan. 10:8; Micah 3: 4.

“If I regard iniquity in my heart the Lord will not hear me.” Psa. 66:18

Satan is the accuser of the brethren, but Jesus forgives completely.

1 John 1:9; Heb. 7:25

**Trust completely in Christ's pardoning grace**

Eph. 2:8

Eph. 1:7

Isa. 53:5, 6

Isa. 55:7

**Be ready to forgive as Christ forgives**

Matt. 6:12 - 15 Eph. 4:32

Matt. 18:21f

**Become a channel of God's blessings to others.**

John 13:35 Matt. 5:14 - 16

Acts 1:8 Mark 5:18 - 21

Every Christian is called to share Christ.

**Discover God's purpose for your life and fulfill it.**

Prov. 3:5, 6 Psa. 16:7; 32:8

 **Slide #21.** Enoch - The man who walked with God. Gen. 5:21 - 24

 Enoch lived in an environment of evil. This did not interrupt his walk with God. The more sinful our surroundings, the more crucial it is to walk with God. So Enoch walked with God and “God took him.”

**Slide #22**

 When you walk with God, burdens are lighter, days are brighter, the heart is happier and life is better.

**CONCLUSION**

**Slide #23**