

Our Wilderness Walk

We can learn many things about Jesus Christ's lifestyle when we read the four Gospels.

Mark 1:35 And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.

Apparently, Jesus Christ thought it was important to find time to pray to God. He felt he needed to schedule time for prayer, even if it cost him some quality sleep time. Jesus Christ was seeking the will of his Father, as he did all of his life.

Luke 2:49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?

These are his first recorded words. He spends his life finding out what the Father's will was, and then carrying it out.

John 8:28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.

29 And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

To find out what the will of the Lord is for your life, and then to have the drive to carry it out, takes a genuine heart and not a religious ritual mindset.

Matthew 15:7 Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying,

8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.

9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

We cannot afford to let the commandments of men dictate what we think and say and act. Our hearts and deeds need to stay close to the mouth of God.

Matthew 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

This is how we are to live, by every word that proceeds from the will of God.

Ephesians 2:18 For through him [Jesus Christ] we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

The finished work of Jesus Christ gave us access or an introduction directly to God.

I Peter 3:18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, **that he might bring us to God**, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

Jesus Christ brought us into the throne room of grace to have intimate fellowship with God our Father.

Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Since we have obtained God's mercy and grace, we can get our prayers answered.

I John 5:13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

Since we have been granted access to God, we need to utilize this access and spend time in God's throne room of grace talking to God. We know that He hears our petitions and will answer our prayer if it is according to His Word. We need to constantly trust Him and cast our cares His way and enjoy the benefits that being a child of God has.

I Peter 5:7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

When you join a health club, you receive a key that allows you access to every service that is provided by that club. You have been granted total access twenty-four hours a day to what is available. All the cardiovascular machines, the Jacuzzis, the tread mills, the bikes, the swimming pool, the saunas, and the racquetball courts are all available for you to utilize when you want to.

If you put that key in your pocket, and take it with you wherever you go, it will not be of any benefit unless you go to the club. You would not physically benefit from being an exclusive member even though you have access to all these health items designed to improve your physical well being.

We have been granted spiritual access to God at all times. He has the willingness to help, but we need to put our trust in Him. We need to open the door to the throne room and be like Jesus Christ, spend time in prayer talking to our heavenly Father.

Jeremiah 17:5 Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.

Proverbs 16:20 He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good: and whoso trusteth in the LORD, happy is he.

Proverbs 28:26 He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.

We need to develop a relationship, a trust, with our God. We need to find out what He wants us to do and then carry it out. We cannot afford to guess. We can never get time back. It is the one commodity that can never be repurchased. Once it is gone, it is gone and there is nothing we can do except try to utilize our time wisely.

Romans 12:11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

Let us then make full use of the time, abilities, and access that God has given us.

Psalms 101:2 I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.