

GOD'S SPIRITUAL GOALS FOR YOU

1. INTIMATE FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM

- Jesus is your 1st Love, your 1st Priority, your Lord & Savior, and your best friend
- **I Cor. 1:9 , Matthew 6:33 , Proverbs 21:21 , John 15:4-15, Revelation 2:1-4**

2. COMPLETELY ONE WITH HIM

- You want and submit to His will , His plans, His priorities, His purposes, His timing,...
- **Luke 9:23, Luke 22:42 , John 14:21-24 , John 17:9-11, 20-23; Galatians 2:20**

3. TRANSFORM YOU TO BE LIKE JESUS

- His character, His holiness and purity, His love & devotion for God, His love for people, His desire to seek & save the lost, His peace & joy & patience & kindness & goodness,...
- **Matt. 28:18-20 , Romans 8:17-18, 28-29; 12:1-2 ; 2 Corinthians 3:18, Galatians 5:22-25**

More than anything, God wants close fellowship with you, to have you join Him in His kingdom work, and He also wants to make you the very best you can be - like Jesus

TRAINING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS & INTIMACY WITH GOD (The tools that God will use in your life to reach His desired goals for you)

1. GOD'S WORD (A LOVE LETTER FROM GOD)

- "All Scripture is God-breathed (inspired by God) and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness (how to have an intimate right relationship with God and how to please God), so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work (be fruitful for God and His kingdom).
- **2 Timothy 3:16-17**

2. GOD'S DISCIPLINE - PUNISHMENT

- " The people of Israel and Judah have provoked me by all the evil they have done - they, their kings and officials, their priests and prophets, the men of Judah and the people of Jerusalem. They **turned their backs to me** and not their faces; though I taught them again and again, they **would not listen** (to God's Word) **or respond to discipline...** (Israel was eventually conquered by the Babylonians as a result, but God eventually brought them back to Him)
- **Jeremiah 32:32-42**

- "My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline and do not lose heart when He rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines those He loves, and He punishes everyone He accepts as a son. Endure hardship as discipline: God is treating you as sons... God disciplines us for our good, that we may **share in His holiness**. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a **harvest of righteousness and peace** for those who have been trained by it.
- **Hebrews 12:5-11** (also see **Deuteronomy 8:2-5 , John 15:1-2a**)

3. GOD'S DISCIPLINE - PURIFYING, MOLDING, RESHAPING, PRUNING

(Examples: Joseph - 13 years ; David - 17 years ; Abraham - 25 years; Moses - 40 years)

- " Therefore, since Christ suffered in His body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because he who has suffered in his body is **done with sin**. As a result, he does not live the rest of his earthly life for evil human desires, **but rather for the will of God.**" - **I Peter 4:1-2**
- also see **Psalms 66:8-12, Malachi 3:2-3, James 1:1-4, John 15:1-2b**