

THE PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE
Or, The Forty Weeks of Purpose
A Sermon Series Based on the Book by Rick Warren
Message Twelve (Week Eleven): Becoming Best Friends with God
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INTRODUCTION:

God wants to be your best friend!

We were made to live in God's presence, but after the Fall, that ideal relationship was lost.

But Jesus changed that situation!

Romans 5:10, 11

Friendship with God is possible only because of the grace of God and the sacrifice of Jesus. 2 Cor. 5:18.

PROPOSITION: By looking at the lives of God's friends in the Bible, we learn six secrets of friendship with God. We will look at two today and four next week.

I. WE BECOME A FRIEND OF GOD THROUGH CONSTANT CONVERSATION.

- A. Consider the **Perpetuity** of Prayer. 1 Thess. 5:17.
- B. Consider the **Practice** of Prayer.
- C. Consider the **Position** of Prayer.
- D. Consider the **Pattern** of Prayer.
- E. Consider the **Prompting** of Prayer.
- F. Consider the **Purpose** of Prayer.

II. WE BECOME A FRIEND OF GOD THROUGH CONTINUAL CONTEMPLATION.

A. To Know God You Must **Research**. Ps. 23:4.

B. To Know God You Must **Reflect**. Job 23:12; Ps. 119:97; Ps. 77:12.

C. To Know God You Must **Review**. Ps. 25:14.

APPLICATION:

Point to Ponder: God wants to be my best friend.

Question to Consider: What can I do to remind myself to think about God and talk to Him more often throughout the day?