

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, Part 2
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INTRODUCTION:

Last week we saw that ...

1. WE BECOME A FRIEND OF GOD THROUGH CONSTANT CONVERSATION
2. WE BECOME A FRIEND OF GOD THROUGH CONTINUAL CONTEMPLATION.

Key Text: Prov. 3:32

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

III. WE BECOME A FRIEND OF GOD THROUGH COMPLETE CANDOR.

- A. This Doesn't Mean Faultlessness. Matt. 11:19.
- B. This Does Mean Faithfulness. Ps. 142:2, 3.

IV. WE BECOME A FRIEND OF GOD THROUGH COMPLIANT CONFIDENCE.

- A. Obedience to Christ is a Requirement of Friendship with God. John 15:14.
- B. Obedience to Christ is a Response to Our Friendship with God. John 15:9-11.

V. WE BECOME A FRIEND OF GOD THROUGH CONSISTENT CONVICTIONS.

- A. God Values the Sacrifice of His Son. 2 Cor. 11:2; Ps. 69:9.
- B. God Values the Salvation of Souls.

VI. WE BECOME A FRIEND OF GOD THROUGH CHERISHING CHRIST.

- A. Note the Precedent of Desiring God.
 - 1. David. Ps. 27:4; Ps. 63:3.
 - 2. Jacob. Gen. 32::26.
 - 3. Paul. Phil. 3:10.
- B. Note the Preference to Desire God.

APPLICATION:

Point to Ponder: I'm as close to God as I choose to be.

Question to Consider: What practical choices will I make today in order to grow closer to God?