

Spiritual Journey: Can I really Get Close to God?

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The writer was very instrumental by equipping Christians in a better way to walk the Spiritual Journey, and how to identify the Sins that is preventing a free life, that allows the freedom to receive all of God's love and be fully blessed. Giving God first place in our lives can be the first step, and then God will reveal the areas in our lives where we are most vulnerable that is holding us back, and limiting the measure of love that God wants to pour out on us. By giving God all the negative things in our lives such as fear, lies, shame, anger, and rejection, He will fill us with his spirit He will strengthen and give us courage to move on.

I cannot tell someone to do something that I am not doing; I have to do it first then I can encourage someone else to do it. For example, I cannot say to read the Bible and I am not doing it. Having a personal relationship with God is the most important thing in our journey. Just like our earthly father if we break his rule that was established, we go and asked for forgiveness. So too if we ask God for forgiveness, He will forgive us and cleanse us when we mess up, and we can have renewed intimate relationship with God that we once had. If we yield our hearts to God that is the only way he can change us. If we are spiritually discipline we will have greater intimacy with God, such as to indulge ourselves more with the things that edified Him such as reading the bible, praying, worshiping, and loving each other more.

My world view is putting God first and making Him the first priority in my life. God should be the central figure in everything that I do and say. The understanding of spiritual value and my belief states our reflection of God, our formation through the church and our participation in the mission of God give us purpose on the spiritual journey. "Made in his image as the people of God, we have a unique mission to fulfill with him to bring others back into relationship with him."¹ I mostly agree with the statements "we need community. In community you gain

strength, learn from each other and have a sense of belonging. In addition, I agree that community is a gift from God to speak his words of love affirmation, significance, and acceptance as well as instruction, correction, rebuke, and reprimand.”² This is an example of real love. “Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethen”³ (1 John 3:16 [King James Version]). However, I disagree somewhat about forgiving people that did hurt me quickly, because some of the people that hurt me in my life time, it took many years for me to pray and forgive, and receive complete healing because it was such a deep hurt.

This book will really impact my theology and current ministry knowing that God loves us and accept us just as we are, and he can mold us and fashion us according to his will. First we have to be authentic to God and be vulnerable to open up and accept his cleansing power that we can be made whole.

We as Christian needs an intimate relationship with God, so that we can emulate what the bible says about love “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life”⁴ (John 3:16 [King James Version]). So we should be authentic and be a model that shows and emulate Christ, our aim, in our spiritual journey is to accept his love and we can be more like Christ on our spiritual journey. The book was awesome, it was a beautiful journey. On every journey there are stops to be made either to get refill with something to eat or something that needed emptied in the garbage. In this case I stop at the cross to unload at the feet of Jesus all the heavy load that I carry. I stopped and asked Jesus to give me a fresh touch. The spaces that became available needed to be filled with something and I asked the Lord to fill me with His love and His Holy Spirit.

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