

4. PRIVATE FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD PRODUCES PUBLIC FRUIT

Acts 4:13 (NLT) The members of the council were amazed when **they saw the boldness of Peter and John**, for they could see that **they were ordinary men with no special training** in the Scriptures. They also **recognized them as men who had been with Jesus**.

Daniel 6:10 (NKJV) Now **when Daniel knew that the writing was signed**, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, **he knelt down on his knees three times that day**, and **prayed and gave thanks** before his God, as was his custom since early days.

Daniel 11:32 (NKJV) Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall corrupt with flattery; but **the people who know their God shall be strong**, and **carry out great exploits**.

1. **Knowing God (yada)** — intimate relationship, communion, abiding
2. **Being strengthened (chazaq)** — firmness, resolve, standing
3. **Doing exploits (asu/nifla'ot)** — taking action, accomplishing extraordinary things

Acts 4:31 (NKJV) And **when they had prayed**, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and **they were all filled** with the Holy Spirit, and **they spoke the word of God with boldness**.

Acts 4:33 (NKJV) And **with great power** the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And **great grace was upon them all**.

Acts 6:4 (NKJV) but **we will give ourselves continually to prayer** and to the ministry of the word.”

The pattern: They met with God, and then they moved with God.

The people who make the greatest eternal difference in the lives of others are those who have developed a deep private history with God.

Our generation does not merely need more talented Christians; it needs believers who have been with Jesus.

If someone watched the fruit of my life, would there be evidence that I have been spending time with Jesus?

THE GREATNESS OF A WALK WITH GOD IS NOT FOUND IN ITS COMPLEXITY, BUT IN ITS CONSISTENCY.



HOW WILL I RESPOND — Part 3 — THE LIFESTYLE OF WALKING WITH GOD Sunday, August 16, 2026

The goal is to turn encounters with God into a lifestyle of walking with God

For many, prayer is just another occasional activity in their life, but God intended it to be the atmosphere we live in.

The question remains HOW WILL I RESPOND?

1. WHAT BEGINS AS AN INVITATION MUST BECOME A WALK

Habakkuk 2:4, Romans 1:17, Galatians 3:11, Hebrews 10:38 (NKJV) “The just shall live by faith.”

Genesis 5:22 (NKJV) After he begot Methuselah, Enoch **walked with God three hundred years**, and had sons and daughters.

Genesis 5:24 (NKJV) And **Enoch walked with God**; and he was not, for God took him.

Hebrews 11:5 (NKJV) By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, “and was not found, because God had taken him”; for before he was taken **he had this testimony, that he pleased God**.

Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV) But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that **He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him**.

Colossians 2:6 (NIV84) So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, **continue to live in him**,

What becomes important to us eventually finds a place in our schedule.

Walking with God involves continuity and consistency!

**Continuity — You don't stop.
Consistency — You don't shift.**

The goal is not simply a time of prayer but a lifestyle of prayer

Is communing with God becoming part of the way I live, or is it still something I occasionally stop my life to do?

2. WALKING WITH GOD IS SUSTAINED BY ABIDING, NOT STRIVING

John 15:4 (NLT) Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and **you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.**

John 15:5 (NLT) “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For **apart from me you can do nothing.**

John 15:7 (NLT) But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!

John 15:8 (NLT) When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. **This brings great glory to my Father.**

Mark 1:35 (NKJV) Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a **solitary place**; and there **He prayed.**

Luke 5:16 (NKJV) So **He Himself often** withdrew into the wilderness and prayed.

Luke 6:12 (NKJV) Now it came to pass in those days that **He went out to the mountain to pray**, and **continued all night** in prayer to God.

John 5:19 (NKJV) Then Jesus answered and said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, **the Son can do nothing of Himself**, but **what He sees the Father do**; for whatever He does, **the Son also does** in like manner.

**Trying harder is not the answer.
We need to remain connected.**

Conversation is exchange. Communion is union.

**The secret of spiritual strength is not learning how to struggle harder;
it is learning how to stay consistently connected.**

**Instead of asking, “How long do I have to pray?” begin asking:
“How can I remain conscious of God throughout my day?”**

**Am I trying to produce spiritual strength through effort,
or am I learning to draw strength from continual fellowship with Jesus?**

3. THE HOLY SPIRIT MAKES THE WALK POSSIBLE AND POWERFUL

Romans 8:14

“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.”

John 14:16 (NKJV) And I will pray the Father, and He will give you **another Helper**, that He may **abide with you forever—**

John 14:17 (NKJV) the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but **you know Him**, for **He dwells with you** and will **be in you.**

John 14:26 (NKJV) But **the Helper, the Holy Spirit**, whom the Father will send in My name, **He will teach you all things**, and **bring to your remembrance all things** that I said to you.

John 16:13 (NKJV) However, **when He**, the Spirit of truth, **has come**, **He will guide you into all truth**; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and **He will tell you things to come.**

John 16:14 (NKJV) He will glorify Me, for **He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.**

John 16:15 (NKJV) **All things that the Father has are Mine.** Therefore I said that **He will take of Mine and declare it to you.**

Romans 8:14 (NKJV) For as many as are **led by the Spirit of God**, these are sons of God.

Acts 1:8 (NKJV) But **you shall receive power when** the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and **you shall be witnesses** to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

**Am I living as though everything depends upon me,
or am I consciously depending upon the Helper Jesus sent to live within me?**