



Notes: 1. Introduction

- a. Intimacy - know someone deeply - close relationship
- b. How do you know Christ more?
Meet Him personally
- c. James 2:23 Abraham believed God - trusted God
 - called Friend of God
 - in account books, God called Abraham righteous
 - * imputed: given credit on account in God's account books
 - Abraham talked with God
 - Gen 15:6 Abraham believed God that God would give him children - when he had no children

2. Grow in Love With God

- a. God's relationship with humans
 - Parent to child - unselfish love
 - Closeness of husband/wife
 - closeness of deep friendship
- b. Example: marital love
 - marriage love grows over time -
 - * no partner stays the same as they age
 - * all people change in life experience

- 2 c. Love can decrease
- love is an action verb
 - x love seeks the good for the other person
 - x love is open for all to see - not hidden away

d. God gives human examples of love

- Eph 5:24 as wife
- Eph 5:25 as husband
- Gal 4:4-6 adoption as children

3. Intimacy With God Requires Action

- Christian behavior is action
- Spend time together
- Show decisions that make that person most important in life

4. Discipline Self for Intimacy

- Self: eat, sleep, wear clothes
 - give good care to self
- With God
 - spend time with God: prayer, Bible readings, get to know God more
- Self discipline for further growth

5. Intimacy With God Grows Wisdom

a. Like growing plants

- seed time
- water & sunshine
- harvest/maturity

b. Time intensive

- takes time
- nothing happens in 1 day
- patience in waiting

6. Wisdom to Help Become Like Christ

a. Making good choices

b. Giving priority to God

c. God's way trains Christian to be wise

- better quality of life
- better relationships
- author Paul Kingsbury, "Adversity University" (university of life)

7. Intimacy Requires Commitment - stay

a. Philp 3:10 to know Christ (while in prison)

b. Fellowship - sharing