

## **The Life You've Always Wanted**

### **Part 5-Practicing Servanthood, Finding Freedom**

**Philippians 2:5-7; Matthew 6:1-4**

**How can we discover the life we have always wanted?**

**This life is found in a DEEPER WALK with God.**

**Key point from week 1: we have to TRAIN spiritually to develop the life we have always wanted.**

*Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. 1 Timothy 4:7-8 NIV*

**Key Point from week 2: We need to SLOW DOWN to hear God's voice in our lives.**

*He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; Psalm 46:10 NIV*

**Key point from week 3: Confession brings TRANSFORMATION**

*Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death. 2 Corinthians 7:10 NIV*

**Key point from week 4: We need to DRAW NEAR to God in Meditation and Prayer to receive GUIDANCE and LEADERSHIP for our lives.**

*I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with my loving eye on you. Psalm 32:8 NIV*

## **2 Serious Obstacles to Developing a Deeper Walk...**

### **1. PRIDE.**

*The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"*

*“You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” Genesis 3:2-5 NIV*

### **3 Characteristics of Pride:**

- 1. VANITY.**
- 2. STUBBORNNESS.**
- 3. EXCLUSION.**

□ **In place of PRIDE, Jesus invites us to a life of HUMILITY.**

*In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:*

*Who, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God something to be used to His own advantage;  
rather, He made himself nothing  
by taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness. Philippians 2:5-7 NIV*

### **How Do We Develop A Life of Humble Servanthood?**

- **Pursue the ministry of the MUNDANE.**
- **Pursue the ministry of BEING INTERRUPTED.**
- **Embrace our WEAKNESSES and LIMITATIONS.**

### **2. Addiction to APPROVAL.**

*“Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. “So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. Matthew 6:1-2 NIV*

### **3 signs of Addiction to APPROVAL...**

- 1. COMPARISON.**
- 2. DECEPTION.**
- 3. RESENTMENT.**

□ **In the place of APPROVAL, Jesus invites us to a life of SECRECY.**

*But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. Matthew 6:3-4 NIV*

**How Do We Find Freedom from Approval?**

- Resign from IMPRESSION MANAGEMENT.
- Practice good deeds in SECRET.

**Which one of these, Pride or Addiction to Approval, is a greater obstacle in your life?**

**Are you ready to break free from the burden of these obstacles?**