Walking With God Jerry Bridges

I. Introduction.

A. Text: Genesis 5:3-5, 21-23; Hebrews 11:5.

B. Enoch "walked with God."

C. "To walk with God" means to have intimate, personal communion with God. This implies that Enoch spent time with God and developed a close relationship with Him.

II. You cannot develop a close, personal relationship with God unless your aim in life is to please Him. We cannot please God unless we desire a close, personal relationship with Him. (Amos 3:3; 1 Corinthians 3:1)

A. Do you enjoy God? (Psalm 27:4; Psalm 23)

1. Many Christians are busy working for God but not many enjoy being with Him.

2. God's beauty includes His attributes and His character.

B. In order to enjoy God, we must spend time with Him. Often, this involves something we refer to as the "quiet time."

1. A "quiet time" is a time when you focus on God, not yourself or your family or your ministry. The secret of focus is concentration and concentration demands elimination.

2. The purpose of studying God's Word is to get know God. (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21)

C. Spending time with God should not end at our quiet time. We must learn to walk with Him during the day.

1. A practical way of doing this is meditating on scripture throughout the day when we have the freedom to think about whatever we would like.

2. Another practical way is to pray- talk to God about what you're meditating on from the scripture, sing praise songs in your mind to Him, etc.

3. Practice observing God's work in His creation and in your circumstance or those around you. (Romans 8:28)

Application questions:

1. As you look at your Christian walk, do you work for God or do you enjoy Him?

2. How is studying the Bible a way to know God?

3. What are some practical steps that you can take to spend time with God during the day?
