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shall we talk today about our fellowship with God? it is necessary for us to remain God centered if we are to walk in the Spirit, as we are commanded to do. "walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh." gal 5:16 there are many ways for one to remain God centered. shall we investigate a few?

personally, my favorite way is to spend time in worship and praise. there is a song that says "it does as much for us as it does for Him cause we get lifted up". i know it's not scripture, but i believe it is truth. it says in revelation 4:8, "the four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. and they do not rest day or night, saying: 'holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!'"

there is a constant worship of God in heaven as they linger in His presence; just beholding Him and His glory. as we behold Him in our limited way, i think we can join in that choir. we are admonished, "speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord". eph 5:19

then there are times of intercession. we labor in prayer in behalf of others. as we bear "bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ". gal 6:2 there are times when one is going through something so difficult that we are allowed to help carry their cross. we may be weeping for someone around the world and never have an understanding in

this life. have you been awakened to pray? respond.

there are times when we bring our petitions before the Lord. we are told in luke 18 about the widow who wore down the judge with her constant badgering. "and shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them?" luke 18:7 we do not pray in unbelief because the answer did not come when or as we expected. in faith we persist and in faith we believe, "the Lord will perfect that which concerns me". psalm 138:8

we may also come to the Lord in times of fellowship. have you ever just talked to the Lord. not about your wants or needs, just about things going on. have a conversation with Him as with a friend. have you ever bothered to ask God what was on His mind? did you ask Him to share it with you? and perhaps that brings us to the final thing i want to mention on prayer.

just be quite before the Lord. in other words, "be still, and know that I am God". psalm 46:10 this is not a time when your mind is vacant of thought. it's where all your thought is directed at Him. it a time of exploring the wonders of His person. a time of knowing where we are in comparison. a time of realizing the great love that emanates from Him.

yet prayer can often seem dry and tedious. the enemy will try to fill your mind with all sorts of thoughts and distractions. i am reminded of a couple stanzas from a poem.

Ah dearest Lord! I cannot pray,

My fancy is not free;
Unmannerly distractions come,
And force my thoughts from Thee.

Sweet Jesus! teach me how to prize
These tedious hours when I,
Foolish and mute before Thy Face,
In helpless worship lie.

Prayer was not meant for luxury,
Or selfish pastime sweet;
It is the prostrate creature's place
At his Creator's Feet.

so i urge you to remain persistent in your endeavor.
time and persistence will soon not only make this a
cherished and sought for time, but a necessary one to
walk in His understanding and power.

He wants us to be one with Him, even as the Son was. i
believe there is a time coming such as the world has
never known. scripture says the Spirit was given to
Jesus without measure. will it be given to us without
measure also? that i do not know. i do know what
scripture says. "for whom He foreknew, He also
predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son,
that He might be the firstborn among many brethren."
rom 8:29 i also know we can do nothing unless we abide
in Him.

we must be practiced and conditioned to hear His
"clarion call". as we lay aside the things which bind
us to this world, let us "be transformed by the
renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that

good and acceptable and perfect will of God." rom 12:2
let us all grasp more firmly the joy set before us.

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