

Daily Devotional



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■ day one { outside or inside? }

How do you think you might judge a person by his/her appearance? Do you form opinions based on the clothing they wear, the car they drive? Be honest. Does the way a person looks influence your perception in any way? How do you feel your perception of people differs from the world at large? How do you feel it differs from God's perception? Fortunately, for us, God judges by faith and character, not appearances. Which side of you are you maintaining – the outside or the inside?

■ day two { life in harmony }

List some things that indicate that you are living your life in harmony with God. Check your list. Are the things you listed important to God? When God changes the direction of your life, what is your reaction? Is it immediate obedience or hesitation and excuse making? Obviously we do not live perfect lives but when we do fail, how quick are we to repent and make things right. Are the things that burden God the same things that burden us? These are hard questions to answer but if we are to live in true harmony with God, the focus of our lives has to be on the things that please God.

■ day three { knowing God }

How do we go about pursuing God's Heart? It is impossible to know someone's heart without knowing that person. So, how do we get to know God? The obvious answer is to spend time with Him. But what exactly does that mean to you? In today's busy world that demands so much of our time, how much time does it take to get to know God? Name some ways to develop an intimate relationship with God. Now, what kind of commitment do you need to make to bring that to reality?

■ day four { sensitivity }

Do you have a master plan for your life? How would you react if God asked you to change it and move in a direction you did not particularly like? How sensitive are you when God gives you an opportunity to witness for Him or to serve Him? Are you so wrapped up in your own plans or in the everyday matter of surviving in this world? What do you think it will take to sharpen your sensitivity to God? The closer you get to God, the more you will possess a heart that is sensitive to His guidance.

■ day five { knowing to serving }

How would you rate yourself as servant? If we were honest, most of the time we would rather be served than to serve. But there is great joy and satisfaction in involvement with others. Do you want to go "all out"? What does that mean to you? What will you have to give up in order to accomplish this? Read 2 Chronicles 16:9 and ask God if you truly are "completely His."

■ a word from the writers

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