

Tuesday Nights Live with Dr Stephen & Michelle Everett
In the Living Room with the Living Word
Study Notes 03/06/18

Tonight, With Special Guest, Apostle Dr Rebecca Murray.

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PRINCIPLES OF HONOR: HONOR REQUIRES AND EXHIBITS INTIMACY

Introduction:

Intimacy with the Lord is something every person needs and longs for – many just don't know it. It was very clear in the story of Luke 15 that the elder son wasn't intimate with his father. One of the ways we may engage in intimacy is our willingness to be naked and exposed before our Father in whole life worship. There is a "deep calling to deep" in every man's spirit that cannot be ignored or appeased in one's soul or body.

"Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in His sight: but all things are NAKED and OPENED unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do" (Hebrews 4:13).

"Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, Thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, Thou knowest it altogether. Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid Thine hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it" (Psalm 139:1-5).

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Moses was one of the most powerful models of a leader walking intimately with God. He established a tent of meeting outside the camp that was different than the Tabernacle described in most of Exodus, which was pitched in the center of the camp (see Numbers 2:1-31).

His communication with God was so incredibly rich that it caused every man to rise up in worship as God communed with him. How awesome this must have been! God and Moses positioned “*face to face*” and talking as friends.

One purpose of intimacy is to bring us to a level with God that permits us to receive inside information others are prevented from hearing. Another purpose is so that others will hunger for that intimacy with the Lord as a result of seeing it walked out in our lives.

(Exodus 33:7-11, The Message).

(John 15:14-15).

Intimacy is defined as: the state of being intimate; relating to or characteristic of one’s deepest nature; that which is essentially and fundamentally marked by transparency, not formality.

(Philippians 3:8-11).

(Philippians 3:8-11, The Message).

Intimacy breaks the imbalances of revelation for some and starvation for others – totally removing the mental barriers of separation

(Hebrews 8:10-12).

(Hebrews 8:10-12, The Message).

Intimacy requires capitulation – it is the ceding of our rights to own ourselves; it is THE GRACE TO SURRENDER. It is impossible to foster intimacy as long as we seek to control our destinies rather than relinquishing them into the able hands of our heavenly Father.

(Psalm 46:10)

(Psalm 46:10, The Message).

(Hebrews 12:1).

(Hebrews 12:1, The Message).

Intimacy requires changes, shifts, and modifications to our lives – incremental steps to exact the best from us, dumping anything of insignificance as we refocus and center our lives in Christ.

(Philippians 4:8-9, NLT).

Intimacy requires calmness and sweet, quiet composure – the essentials of serenity, the keys to producing an undivided heart. If one's heart is divided, it is easy to be scattered in several different directions.

(Psalm 23:1-3).

(Psalm 131:2).

(Habakkuk 2:20).

(Zephaniah 1:7).

(Zechariah 2:13).

(Mark 1:32-35).

POWER THOUGHT: We must re-learn to PONDER THE WONDER OF GOD!

In solitude, we:

- (1) classify God's thoughts and filter out the nonessentials**
- (2) reminisce the meaning of our unique call and purpose in God**
- (3) enlarge our perspective and reinforce our focus**
- (4) reacquaint ourselves with God's dreams.**

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STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Describe God's greatest revelation of Himself and how He chose to go about giving it?
2. Describe intimacy with the Lord in the simplest terms you possibly can.
3. Name several things one will learn as they practice intimacy with God or another person. Discuss some steps that can be taken in our personal lives to refocus our intimacy with Christ, thus enriching our experiences.
4. Name several of the keys necessary to producing an undivided heart. How do you live your life in such a manner to demonstrate you have an undivided heart?
5. There are many things we experience in solitude. Name several experiences currently applicable to your life.
6. Israel tried to live vicariously through Moses. How do believers still live vicariously through religious acts, or through men and women of God today?
7. Visualize your life one year from today. What steps are you currently taking to upgrade yourself in areas of intimacy?
8. Explain the word "*joined*" in the context of how it relates to intimacy with another person or The Lord