

ESSENTIALS FOR WALKING WITH GOD

(Psalm 37)

Most people love to go on a trip. Whether it's a journey to visit new places or to gather with family that have moved away, most people enjoy the adventure.

It is common to call life a journey. We do move through time as if on a voyage. One of the great things about being a Christian is that we make the journey with the Lord Jesus. We "walk with Him" and enjoy His fellowship throughout our days.

Yet, it is also true that not all Christians walk as close to the Lord as they should. David in writing Psalm 37 speaks to this issue and presents a number of imperatives.

FOUR ESSENTIALS NEEDED IF YOU ARE TO HAVE A CLOSE WALK WITH THE LORD.

No person ever had a close walk with the Lord without these elements!

I. You Must Trust In The Lord. (v.3) "Trust"

Believers must believe, that is what believers do!

A. The word "trust" is used the same way in both testaments. It means:

placing your confidence in Him, yielding to Him, submitting to Him, taking God at His Word, believing what He says and clinging to it.

1. Remember, God cannot fail or go back on His word. What He says He will do.
2. Spurgeon wrote, "faith cures fretting, for sight views things only as they seem, while faith has a clearer vision and sees things as they really are."

B. Don't confuse trust with presumption.

1. Presumption presumes that God will do for us what we should have done.
a student who does not study, "Lord help with the test..."
putting your hand in a fire, "Lord keep me from burning..."
2. Trust in the Lord means that we trust God to keep His promises and to do exactly what He said He would do.

You must trust Him completely if you are to walk with Him through life.

II. You Must Delight Yourself In Him. (v.4) "Delight"

A. To "delight" means to take pleasure in Him, to enjoy time in His presence through prayer and the study of His Word. One man writes, "the reason that many apparent Christians do not delight in God is that they do not know Him very well, because they do not spend time with Him."

1. Before salvation, most people resist a relationship with the Lord thinking He is not

