

The Necessity of Intimacy

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“We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away.. And we all, with unveiled faces, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.” ([2 Cor. 3:13,18](#))

“The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, for, ‘Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct Him?’ But we have the mind of Christ.” ([1 Cor. 2:15-16](#))

1. **Simplicity.**

“But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.” ([2 Cor. 11:3](#))

2. **Silence.**

“After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.”([1 Kings 19:12-13](#))

3. **Solitude**

“But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.” ([Matt. 6:6](#))

“At daybreak, Jesus went out to a solitary place. The people were looking for Him and when they came to where He was, they tried to keep Him from leaving them. ([Luke 4:42](#))

4. **Surrender**

“Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and He will come near to you.” ([Jas 4:7-8](#))

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – His good, pleasing and perfect will.” ([Rom. 12:2](#))