Biblical Principles for a Prosperous Life
Lesson #11

Peace _____ God Results In the Peace _____ God

Psalm 4:8; Philippians 4:6-7

Intro: Psalm 4:8 – David wrote this during a time of great distress. He knew he could sleep well because the Lord would keep him safe.

Philippians 4:6-7 – Paul was positive, secure and unruffled in his relationship with the Lord after being stoned, shipwrecked, imprisoned and persecuted because of the oneness he had with Him. When we KNOW the Lord is with us, we have no reason to fear.

1. How do we maintain peace and spiritual balance in trials?

   a) Answer: A close and _____ relationship with Jesus Christ

2. When adversity strikes what are the things you do?

   a)

   b)

   c)

   What should we do? We should first turn to the only One who holds comfort, security and the _____!

3. What is _____?

   a) It is often the result of _____.

   b) It is the opposite of _____.

   c) It fans the flames of _____ and confusion

   d) It causes us to lose our spiritual _____ and mindset

4. Notes from Philippians

   1:21

   1:27

   2:1-4

   2:12-17

   3:1-11

   3:12-16

   3:19

   4:6-9

5. John 14:27

6. Romans 5:1 – Peace with God = _____

   Philippians 4:7 – Peace of God = _____ _____

   Two reasons we may not run to Christ during the storms:

   Reason one: we don't run to Christ in some storms and trials because we really do not know Him well. Although we have a relationship with Him, we aren't close.

   Reason two: there is a rift between us, a division or an offense that has not been dealt with.

7. Hosea 6:6 – God desires for our hearts to be on _____ for Him. He has no desire for half-hearted _____ ritual and activity.

How can I **REALLY** get to **KNOW** Him?

Compare Hosea and the story of Gomer to Hannah (1 Samuel 1 and 2)

1. Gomer had no _____ to know God

2. Hannah _____ after God with all her heart.

What made the difference? Knowing God

In order to deepen your relationship with God and remain devoted to Him:

1. **You must come to Him _____.**

   Confession of your sins requires you to be vulnerable. Such humility and repentance may be intimidating but essential and the best decision you will ever make.

2. **You must understand your _____ upon Him**

   Hannah saw God as her only source of peace and comfort and supply

3. **You must become interested in what _____ Him**

   Has your desire for godly wisdom and spiritual insight declined?

4. **You must know His _____**

   By reading and meditating on the Word you open your heart to Him through the Holy Spirit

5. **You must observe His characteristics and _____**

   Know the promises He makes. Ask Him to remind you of how He has already worked in your life – with all the wisdom, love and power ever needed.

6. **You must accept His _____ and follow His principles/commands.**

   God invites you to walk with Him. Give Him total control of your decisions, time, talents, possessions – walk in submission to Him. Die to self.

Remember, our intimacy with God determines the impact of our life.