

Our Ever Present God (Part 2)
Practicing His Presence

Make It Your Practice to...

GIVE GOD THE PRE-EMINENCE - Col 1:18

- Our bodies and all they contain yielded/surrendered to Him - Ro 11:33-12:2
- He has first place in everything - nothing or no one else in second place - Matt 6:33
- Declare Him to be Lord of all - Phil 2:10-11; Acts 2:36
- God replaces the individual human self as subject - Ga 2:20; Col 3:4
...(He is not part of our life; not the most important part of our life; He is our life)
- *Expressions: "First the kingdom"; "You are Lord of _____"; "Not I, but Christ";
"Your will, not mine"
- Every conflict is the call to crown Him as our ever present Lord

THANK GOD FOR EVERYTHING - Eph 5:20; 1 Thess 5:18

- An alarm clock that wakes us up to ultimate reality - Eph 5:14; Gen 28:16
- Declaration of source and supply - Ro 11:36; Ps 119:91
- Tunes and turns soul to spirit - Heb 4:12; Ro 8:5-14
- Immersed in the greater realities of God's ways - Is 55:8-11; II Cor 4:17-18
...lays an axe to the root of self-determination
- *Expressions: First and last 5 minutes of each day; at every complaint
- Every crisis is the call to worship Him as our ever present God

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING - Eph 6:18; 1 Thess 5:18

- Living life in an unbroken communion with our all-knowing God - Col 4:2
- It must be relational
...a free encounter between two persons who love one another - Jer 33:3
- It must be real
...honestly pour our story into His infinite love to get His story - 1 Pet 5:6-7
- It must be responsive
...a non selective readiness to listen and to obey - Jer 1:7-8, 22-24
- *Expressions: conversational praying; love speaking/listening to Love; silence, solitude
- Every question/circumstance is the call to commune with our ever present God - Rev 3:20