

# (Live Fearlessly)

## Titus 2 Day: Practicing His Presence: Homework

### Day 1

Before we can practice the presence of God, we must recognize our human depravity. We must recognize our need for His presence.

- What do these Scriptures tell us about who we are apart from God?
  - Ecclesiastes 7:20
  - Isaiah 64:6
  - Jeremiah 17:9
  - Romans 3:10
  - Romans 3:23
- How does Paul label unbelievers in Ephesians 2:12?
- Why do we need God's presence in our lives? (Read Matthew 26:41.)
  - To avoid \_\_\_\_\_
  - Although the spirit is willing, our flesh is \_\_\_\_\_
- How does the Holy Spirit aid us? Look at these Scriptures and write down what you discover.
  - Judges 3:10
  - John 14:26
  - John 16:13
  - Romans 15:16
- "Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God" (2 Corinthians 7:1) In what areas of your life do you need more of God's presence to help you overcome the flesh?

### Day 2

In order to practice the presence of God in our lives, we must be women of faith.

- What is faith? (Read Hebrews 11:1.)
- How did Abraham live by faith? (Read Hebrews 11:7-12.)
- Where does faith come from? (Read Romans 10:17.)
- How can we practically develop our faith today? (Read Galatians 5:5-6.)
- In what ways can we act out our faith in love? (Read Galatians 5:22; fruit of the Spirit)
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- "For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, 'The just shall live by faith'" (Romans 1:17). In what ways in your life are you living by faith?

### Day 3

Practicing the presence of God entails that we make sure that we are always aware of His presence in our lives. Scripture tells us that God will never leave us nor forsake us. One of the most effective ways to practice God's presence is to be in continuous conversation with Him.

- What does Ephesians 6:18 say about prayer?
- How often do you pray?
  - Continuously
  - On and off throughout the day
  - Each morning
  - Every night
  - When I remember to
  - When I am desperate
- Sometimes we find ourselves struggling to pray because we do not know what to pray for. Read Romans 8:26. What does it say about not knowing how to pray?
- We can have confidence in the Holy Spirit to direct our prayers and lead us to know what we ought to be praying for. Read 1 John 5:14-15.
  - Where does our confidence come from?
  - What should we pray in accordance to?
  - What can we be confident about?
  - Why can we rest in this confidence?
- Nehemiah was a prophet that will forever be remembered for being a man who sought the Lord in prayer day and night (see Nehemiah 1:6). He prayed continuously for His people, for their future, and for God's will; all the while he actively walked in faith. I challenge you to live a day in Nehemiah's shoes: to dedicate one day to pray without ceasing; to involve God in every conversation you have and everything that you do. Journal about your experience.

## Day 4

If we are aware of God's continuous presence in our lives, then the way we live should be different from the world. This knowledge should drive us to not only walk by faith and to pray without ceasing, but also to live in accordance to God's will.

1. Read I Thessalonians 4:3-4 and answer the following questions:
  - a. What is God's will for our lives?
  - b. What does it mean to be sanctified?
2. To be sanctified is to be holy—set apart, different; read Philippians 2:14-16 and answer the following questions:
  - a. In what ways can we be different from the world?
  - b. We are called to be light bearers and to cling to what?
  - c. If we do these things, what can we rejoice and celebrate about?
3. To abide in Christ is to maintain a close personal relationship with God, which is expressed through obedience to His Word and being an effective disciple. Read John 15:5 and answer these questions:
  - a. If we abide in God what should happen in our lives as a result?
  - b. What can we do apart from God?
4. How can we actively pursue the Lord and abide in Him? Read 2 Peter 1:5-9 and list the actions we should take:
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ c. \_\_\_\_\_ e. \_\_\_\_\_ g. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_ f. \_\_\_\_\_ h. \_\_\_\_\_
  - i. What will be the evidence in your life that you have abided in the Lord? (See v. 8.)
  - j. If you fail to abide in the Lord in these ways, what does it tell you about your relationship with the Lord? (See v. 9.)
5. What is the fruit (evidence) in your life that you are living in accordance to God's will? Journal about how you see God's hand working in you and through you. Jot down an area in your life that you feel is lacking His presence.

## Day 5

The most comforting thing about practicing God's presence is the realization that our imperfections are perfected in Him. It is not about what we cannot do because it is about what He did do! It is through God's saving grace and merciful nature, that we are able to obtain salvation through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. "For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again" (2 Corinthians 5:14-15).

1. In what ways should we respond to God's saving grace?
2. In what ways do you see yourself practically living out 2 Corinthians 5:14-15?
3. "My flesh and my heart fail; but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever" (Psalm 73:26). We all fall short; we all fail and need to fully depend on the Lord to overcome our weaknesses. Write down a confession of a specific weakness and your need for God's strength in this area.
4. Read these verses and write down other reasons you can always depend on God and His mercy.
  - a. Psalm 18:1-3
  - b. Psalm 18:30
  - c. Isaiah 12:2
  - d. Isaiah 30:18
  - e. Lamentations 3:22-24
  - f. Revelation 21:5
5. It is through God's love, Jesus' sacrifice, and the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives that we are able to walk by faith, love when it hurts, and press on through hope. Rewrite Psalm 16: 7-11 as a prayer of thanksgiving for God's presence in your life.

"I will bless the LORD who has given me counsel;  
My heart also instructs me in the night seasons.  
I have set the LORD always before me;  
Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved.  
Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices;  
My flesh also will rest in hope.  
For You will not leave my soul in Sheol,  
Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.  
You will show me the path of life;  
In Your presence is fullness of joy;  
At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore"  
(Psalm 16:7-11).