

with *Uncle Pee.*

INTIMACY WITH GOD

Text: James 4 v 8

The Almighty God desires our fellowship with him. Right from the garden of Eden, He visited Adam in the cool of the day to have intimate fellowship with him. Adam's fellowship with God flourished until Satan destroyed it but God did not give up on man because of his merciful nature. He made a provision through Jesus his son to restore that lost intimacy. Today God may not come down physically as he did with Adam but He virtually lives in us as his children and his desire is to have constant and consistent fellowship with us. Remember Satan also desire our fellowship with him but unfortunately any relationship with the devil always resort to sin that leads to death as is prevalent across the world today. David said that 'one thing I have desired of the Lord that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life to behold the beauty of the Lord and to enquire in his temple. (Psalm 27 v 4) And when he fell into sin David called upon the Lord and said "Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy spirit from me (Psalm 51 v 11). This is because he knew the importance of maintaining an unhindered intimacy with God. What is intimacy? In literal meaning intimacy is the experience of closeness. It occurs when two people are able to open up to each other and reveal their true feelings and desires. Thus, our intimacy with God goes beyond emotional connection, it is spiritual for God is a spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth (John 4 v 24)

Really intimacy is a process-not an instant, it is continuous and takes place over time and is not stagnant. In fact, any kind of stagnation in a relationship kills intimacy. Therefore, our intimacy with God is meant to be an ongoing adventure for a lifetime. Someone may want to ask how do we build intimacy with God? Just know that God longs for our intimacy with him because we are created for his glory. And because we are created for His glory it becomes very imperative that we are responsible to Him every second, every minute and every hour. We are to completely depend on Him for everything concerning our lives. It is in Him that we live and move and have our being. (Act 17 v28). This means we have our total dependence on Him for every breath, heartbeat and action. Our physical and spiritual life comes directly from God. Our ultimate existence, identity and security are sustained by Him and Him alone. So, we owe Him the allegiance to be intimate with Him. It is not a matter of choice but compulsory. The fact remains that He cannot force himself on anybody (James 4 v 8) says 'Draw near to God

and he will draw near to you. Usually, it is our lifestyle of sin that puts God far away from us. Isaiah 59 v 2 says 'But your iniquities have separated you from your God and your sins have hidden His face from you so that he will not hear and because God longs for our intimate fellowship with him he says in Isaiah 1 v 18 'Come now let us reason together'...... In other words, God's mercy is still available if only we can turn towards him.

A man or woman in an intimate relation with God is never far from divine revelations. In this present economic crisis where many are confused without direction, it is your intimacy with God that makes the difference. Having intimate relationship with God enables you to see what others don't see. Psalm 25 v 14 says 'For God reveal his deep secrets to those that fear and abide in him. Job 22 v 29 Says' And when men will say there is a casting down you will say there is a lifting up. Therefore, as you go this week, I encourage you to grow deeper in God through prayers, reading of the word, worship and praise, and spending quality time in his presence. However, if as, you are reading this message you have never at one time or the other surrendered your life to Him, then this is the right opportunity you need. This is the starting point; God expects that every human being He has created should submit and surrender to His Lordship so that He can take over such a life and begin to lead us toward the direction we should go. And as we key into our intimacy with Him will begin to grow as it gets stronger and stronger. This is because according to the book of John 10v5 'without Him we can do nothing'. He is the Lord and director of every affair of our life and the only way He can lead us is when we ready to surrender to Him so He can take charge. So, the question now is have you surrendered to Jesus? If you have not then just bow your head down

wherever you are and ask for mercy. Say to Him, Father have Mercy on me. From today I surrender my life to you, take over and lead me on, I renounce my sins and promise never to go back to them again. Help me Lord and give me the grace to serve you. Amen. Congratulations you have given your life to Him. Look for a Bible believing Church and begin to fellowship with them and you will see your intimacy with God will grow. Read me again next month. Remain blessed in Him. Prayer: Almighty Father help me to draw closer to you so that you will draw nearer to me

