

## ABIDING IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Living for God is like running a race, more like a long distance race than a short sprint though.

It is good to have a mentor like Paul was to Timothy, who has been through a lot of stuff and has gained wisdom looking at it through the filter of God's word.

God does not call us to an easy life.

Do not think that when hard times come that God is not with you.

If you are a born again Christian God is with you, in easy times and in hard times.

Paul was in the presence of Christ even while he was sitting in a prison cell.

We can be in the presence of Christ anywhere as long as we are walking in repentance.

We will all give an account of ourselves before God on judgement day.

Walking with God is not just about avoiding sin.

We need to walk more closely with God so that we can be more obedient to Him.

We cannot obey him just out of sheer willpower.

It's out of intimacy with Him that we can be obedient.

Abide in Him.

We are to be ready in season and out of season.

Out season can mean when you weren't expecting it.

It can also mean when it is not convenient.

Be ready to share the truth in love, to correct or to rebuke or to encourage, whatever is needed at a given time.

Everything must be done in love, keep a heart of redemption for others.

Paul poured out his life as an offering before God.

Don't be afraid to let your life be poured out.

The pursuit of approval from man can get you off track with God.

Let your approval come from God.

We need to long for His appearing (the second coming of Christ).

Do we long for His appearing?

Whatever your situation, God wants you to experience His abiding presence right now.

God is calling you to walk more closely with Him, and out of that relationship, to be more obedient to Him.

God wants to put His heart of redemption in you.

## **SCRIPTURE LIST**

2 Timothy 4:1-8

2 Corinthians 11:24-28

Romans 14:10(b)-12

Matthew 12:36