

*Pursue Spiritual Maturity*  
Pursuing an Intimate Relationship with God  
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### **Four Catalysts of Spiritual Growth (Acts 2:42-47)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ spiritual maturity
- \_\_\_\_\_ with other believers
- \_\_\_\_\_ others unselfishly
- \_\_\_\_\_ God's kingdom

### **Intimacy with God**

- Christianity is not just a \_\_\_\_\_; it is a \_\_\_\_\_ with God through Christ.
- You were made for \_\_\_\_\_ with God (John 15:13-15).
  - Jesus opened His heart with \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ proves Jesus' friendship.

### **Three Elements that Define an Intimate Friendship**

- ① \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (Ps. 139:1-4; Rom. 15:7; 1 Jn. 4:19)
  - When we truly believe that God loves and accepts us, we will be \_\_\_\_\_ in our relationship with Him.
- ② \_\_\_\_\_ (Ps. 9:10; 42:11)
  - Intimacy with God often occurs in the places where we must \_\_\_\_\_ Him most.

③ \_\_\_\_\_ (Hab. 1:2-3)

- We must learn to see honesty as an opportunity to grow in our understanding of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Paul's Passionate Pursuit of God (Phil. 3:7-11)**

- Your pursuit of God should be your greatest \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Evidence of an Intimate Relationship with God**

You have come to know God more intimately when you are increasingly aware of...

His \_\_\_\_\_

His \_\_\_\_\_

His \_\_\_\_\_

His \_\_\_\_\_

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Do you believe that PBC's four catalysts of spiritual growth will help us become fully devoted followers of Christ? Why or why not?
2. Do you agree with the assessment that many Christians are more interested in performing religious activities than pursuing an intimate relationship with God? If yes, why do you think that's the case?
3. Is it hard for you to view Jesus as your friend? Explain.
4. Which of the elements that define an intimate friendship resonates most with you? How does it relate to your relationship with God?
5. What can we do to passionately pursue a closer relationship with God?
6. What difference would it make if you became more aware of God's presence, provision, power, and peace in your life?