

- Nothing significant ever happens in life without _____.
- What does it mean to be _____ committed to God?
 1. Giving my _____ to Jesus Christ.
 2. Committing my life to His _____, the body of Christ, the church and joining a church family.
 3. Choosing to _____ spiritually and become more and more like Jesus Christ every day in my character.
 4. Using my talents and gifts in _____ others.
 5. Sharing the good news with other people and fulfilling the _____ and purpose God put me on this earth to do.

6. TELL GOD YOU LOVE HIM BY _____ TO HIM.

- The first generation of Christians were _____.
- SCRIPTURE – **Acts 4:32-35** *All the believers were of one heart and mind, and they felt that what they owned was not their own; they shared everything they had. [33] And the apostles gave powerful witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God's great favor was upon them all. [34] There was no poverty among them, because people who owned land or houses sold them [35] and brought the money to the apostles to give to others in need.*
- Giving, at its core, is the essence of _____.

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Bridge-Builders – Sermon #8
Building Bridges Of Intimacy With God
Matthew 22:37,38; Revelation 5:11-13, Selected Scriptures

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SCRIPTURE – **Matthew 22:37,38** *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment."*

SCRIPTURE – **Revelation 5:11-13 (NLT)** *Then I looked again, and I heard the singing of thousands and millions of angels around the throne and the living beings and the elders. [12] And they sang in a mighty chorus: "The Lamb is worthy—the Lamb who was killed. He is worthy to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing." [13] And then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea. They also sang: "Blessing and honor and glory and power belong to the one sitting on the throne and to the Lamb forever and ever."*

1. YOU BUILD INTIMACY WITH GOD BY _____ TO HIM.

SCRIPTURE – **Psalms 147:7** *"Sing out your thanks to Him. Sing praises to our God."*

- Music and love go together because music comes from the _____.
 - The _____ to sing together is given all throughout the Psalms.
- SCRIPTURE – **PSALM 66:8 (NLT)** *Let the whole world bless our God and sing aloud his praises ...* **PSALM 95:1 (NLT)** *Come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us give a joyous shout to the rock of our salvation!*
- Never underestimate the _____ of coming together for worship.

2. YOU BUILD INTIMACY WITH GOD BY _____ TO HIM.

- When you really love somebody you don't just want to spend time with them – you want to _____ with them.
- The remedy for a dull, joyless, lifeless Christian life is to start _____ to God again.

SCRIPTURE – **Psalm 116** "I love the Lord because He hears me and answers my prayer, because He bends down and listens. I will pray as long as I have breath."

- Make prayer a _____ in your life.

3. YOU BUILD INTIMACY WITH GOD BY _____ TO HIM.

- When you listen to someone, you are saying, *you _____ to me.*
- Every time you listen to God you're saying, "God, You matter to me. I _____ what You have to say."

- God said that we are to set aside _____ per week for rest and worship.

SCRIPTURE – **Leviticus 23:3** *You have six days when you can do your work, but the seventh day of each week is holy because it belongs to me.*

- How does God _____ to us?

1. The _____, His word.
2. He speaks to us through the _____ we go through in life.
3. God speaks to us through _____.
4. God speaks to us through Godly _____ who will challenge us.
5. Sometimes God will speak to you the loudest and the clearest through the wise _____ of friends.

6. God will speak to you through _____.

4. YOU BUILD INTIMACY WITH GOD BY PUBLICLY _____ WITH HIM.

SCRIPTURE – **Matthew 5:14-15 (NLT)** *You are the light of the world—like a city on a mountain, glowing in the night for all to see. [15] Don't hide your light under a basket! Instead, put it on a stand and let it shine for all.*

- If you love someone you are not _____ of them.
- You can't say you love Jesus Christ and be _____ of Him at the same time.

SCRIPTURE – **Mark 8:38** "If anyone is ashamed of Me and My teachings then I will be ashamed of him when I come in the glory of My Father."

1. The first symbol Jesus gave us that identifies us with Him is _____.
2. The second symbol that Jesus gave us that we identify with Him is _____.

SCRIPTURE – **Romans 6:3** "When we went under the water we left the old country of sin behind and when we came up out of the water we entered into the new country of grace, a new life in a new land. That's what the baptism into the life of Jesus means. When we are lowered into the water, it's like the burial of Jesus [It's a symbol.] And when we're raised up out of the water it's like the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

5. YOU BUILD INTIMACY WITH GOD BY BEING _____ TO HIM.

- Often in Scripture you find the people of God _____ making commitments.

SCRIPTURE – **Joshua 24:20-22,25(NLT)** *If you forsake the Lord and serve other gods, he will turn against you and destroy you, even though he has been so good to you. [21] But the people answered Joshua, saying, "No, we are determined to serve the Lord!" [22] "You are accountable for this decision," Joshua said. "You have chosen to serve the Lord." "Yes," they replied, "we are accountable" [25]...So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day at Shechem, committing them to a permanent and binding contract between themselves and the Lord.*