

Volume 1, Day 8 — THE SECRETS OF INTIMACY

“The secret (friendship R.V.) of the Lord is with them that fear Him.” — Psalm 25:14

What is the sign of a friend? That he tells you only secret sorrows? No, that he tells you secret aspirations as well. Many will confide to you their secret sorrows, but the greatest mark of intimacy is to confide secret joys. Have you ever let God tell you any of His joys, or are you telling God your secrets so continually that you leave no room for Him to talk to you? At the beginning of our Christian life we bring many requests to God. Later we find that God wants us to become more intimate with Him. He wants us to become more attuned to His purposes. Are we so wedded to Jesus Christ's idea of prayer - "Thy will be done" - that we know the secrets of God? Are you so intimate with God so much that the insignificant things are as satisfying as His great big blessings. It is His presence with us in the mundane that shows His amazing intimacy with us. He knows every detail of our personal lives.

“... him shall He teach in the way that He shall choose.” At first we want the consciousness of being guided by God. As we continue to live so much in the consciousness of God that we do not need to ask what His will is. The thought of choosing any other will never occur to us. Once we are saved (sanctified) God guides us by our ordinary choices. If we are about to make a choice different from His, He will check. When He checks we must wait. Whenever there is doubt, stop at once. Do not ever rationalize thinking, “I wonder why I shouldn't?” God uses our choices to instruct us. His Holy Spirit within us guides our common sense, and we stop hindering His Spirit by continually asking, “Now, Lord, what is Your will?”

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