

Volume 3 – Day 25: Know God, Not Just About Him

Most religious people, even Christians, accept the doctrines of others rather than making up their own minds about God. We tend to become faithful to the religion of our parents. If we were treated badly by our parents, we might adopt anything other than their particular brand of religion. We seem to choose the *safety in numbers* over the narrow lonely road to life. The Bible is clear that the road to destruction is wide and heavily travelled. I suggest you abandon the *safety in numbers* theory in favor of the safety of God and His truth.

There is only safety and security in the love of God. So, until you seek God alone as your trustworthy life partner, you will be in danger for most of your life's journey! The great news is that when you become intimate with God, not only *will you know* it, but also *others will testify* that they see the love of God in you.

There is no limit to intimacy. Keep on seeking deeper and richer affection for God. Let me qualify the limitless nature of God's intimacy. His offer and supply is unlimited. However, **we can and do** limit the measure of His intimacy with us when we fail to return it. And we fail to receive it by crowding it out with selfish indulgences, applause and self worship!

The ultimate intimacy is mutually desiring to please our lover more than ourselves, while our lover possesses the same "other-preferring" motives toward us. Instead of asking God in prayer to satisfy your needs and wants, ask Him how you might bring Him pleasure in the situation in which you are praying. Listen! He will respond. Remember, prayer is a dialog with God, not talking at Him or begging Him to indulge you (or do *what you think is good*).

My Confirming Scripture: My Aligning Experiences:

DEEPER Every Day -- John Henry Alan