

Volume 1, Day 19: Do Only Because You Love Him

So when we know Him intimately and are fully surrendering to Him we'll naturally want to follow Him everywhere. Consider Him in the midst of your activities and decision making. Increase your awareness of Him. This is a life-long pursuit. As your habits change to include God in everything, not just religion, He will become very dear to you. And you **will do** things **for** Him, but only **because you love Him** so much you cannot help but please Him.

Your expressions to all others will have the flavor and savory of God's love, not your own. Keep practicing 'following that nudge' in your my heart. Learn to recognize that nearly every thought might well be planted in your mind by the Holy Spirit. Pursue that thought unless the Holy Spirit causes you to stop. He will give you pause in order to keep you from doing something selfish. Or He will give you assurance to follow the thought. You will discover, "Ah, that's His thought or His idea, or the reason that person has come to mind. It is because God wants me to give him a phone call, write an email, or go by to visit.

Learning to **live *with* God instead of *for* Him** is what makes this relationship satisfying. It's the real essence of what it means to follow Christ. If we want to really walk **with** Him, we must completely stop doing things **for** Him.

I must be an active learner in this process. I needed to stop just taking in information and filing it in my memory. I can actually do the things I want to do. That's what we need to do with God. Other people, me, people on videos, authors of books, whatever can give you counsel, encouragement, advice, but we can't control this journey. This journey is learning to fly in the life of the Spirit by engaging in action with God in the process.