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God wants to give you so much and even more, but you must ask Him! He has set you apart to influence others.

If you have a narrow view of who He is, it may be hindering your calling—to be all that you can be for Him.

If you have the wrong concept of His view of you, it could limit the heights you could reach for Him.

Put GOD First In Your Life!

To lead effectively and achieve success, God must be first in your life. The Bible is full of examples of leaders who floundered because their focus was on something other than God's divine plan and purpose.

Our relationship with God must be the number one priority, and form the foundation of our lives. God is not one of a list of things to balance, He is the reason that we do all of the things that we balance.

We must praise and worship God as well as pray every day! It's more important **that** we praise and worship God than **how** we do it. Those who worship best are those who pray and praise the most.

Pray, Pray, and Pray Some More

The word "pray" as defined in the dictionary means: "To address God with devout petition. To request something fervently; to implore." When we pray we are certainly using these definitions but

from God's perspective, we are also doing so much more.



"Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the LORD..."
Jeremiah 29:12-14

Christians are called to pray (**Psalm 116:2**). Prayer is as necessary as the air that we breathe. Just as our bodies need the oxygen that air provides to survive; our spirits need the power that prayer provides to flourish. Just as stale, stagnant and toxic air leads to illness for the human body, a stale and stagnant prayer life leads to an empty wasteland for the human soul.

Our spirits need to be in constant communion with the Lord in order for our souls to be properly nourished.

How to Lead in His Presence

1. Read and meditate daily on God's Word. Learn to stay connected and abide in Him.
2. Willingly surrender self and allow the Holy Spirit to lead you.
3. Become other-oriented by focusing on the needs of those you lead or manage; not just your own needs.

4. Pray for those **you lead** as well as **your leaders**.

God has set you apart to influence others. Be encouraged as you embark on your special leadership journey—entwining your life with that of Christ!

Expect God to increase your faith in Him, and His ability to transform you into the leader you were specifically designed to be.

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