

Draw Nigh to God and God will Draw Nigh to You

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As the scripture tells us today Jesus was on the earth in the form of man was here to fulfill the prophesy of the old testament He was to be tortured and prosecuted to die on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins and to be lifted up Another reason was to show man/women how to live simply through the two Great Commandments To Love the Lord God with all your Heart, Mind and Soul. And to do unto others as you would have done unto you. In other words Be love in the world.

1 John 3:18 Reminds us our love should not be just words and talk, it must be true love that shows itself in action. To do this you should show your love by being your higher self letting the awakening the God within us To do the work God wants us to do. 1 John 3 11 Said This is that you have heard from the beginning we should love one another.

Over the last little while I have studied some publications from the early 1900's There was a trend in the books They were based in scripture and the belief in what could happen with belief and faith in the Infinite Creator . One of the authors Wallace Wattles in his book The science of being great tells readers to Draw nigh to God and God will draw nigh to You.

Other authors of the time Florence Scovel Shinn, Nevel Goddard discuss how to connect with the I am That I am Our God and father who told Moses who he would be known for eternity. These authors were called Truth seekers and worked in the area of metaphysics Training your mind and subconscious to use your thoughts for good or bad and good or bad actions.

This isn't wow science It is how your life can work for the highest good.

The God within us comes from what all of us were given at birth, imagination and intuition and I AM with us. Understand Greater is He is within me. We can use those gifts for good or bad. It gives us the ability to design life and the world around us Since the Gods creation of the earth Thoughts become things.

Everything you see is a result of thoughts that become reality. Just looking at this Sanctuary it was thought that it became an amazing place of worship after their

church burnt down.

Central United knew about being our collective higher good when the Downtown Mission was started 50 years ago. The co development of the Cencourse not for profit housing at a time of need and more recently the downtown music initiative The opening up the sanctuary so other churches could worship and serve the downtown community as a group. The question we will be examining shortly will be what is next for the Church and the congregation.

The two words that Jesus tells us in the parables that puts us on the path to the Kingdom and Eternal life are Belief and Faith. In the Parable of the Treasure and the Pearl The Treasure and the choice pearl is that treasure of eternal life Now the suggestion is the finder of the treasure and the choice pearl would sell everything to get it. That is not what Jesus was suggesting. The path is Belief and Faith. What is suggested is that you must have absolute belief in Jesus Christ his teachings and living the way of life he is showing us. It is letting go of anything you believe that is not the belief of Jesus in your life. For example If you believe that buying your way can you to heaven by what you tithe and by just coming to Church most Sundays or if you check your horoscope to start your day you don't have absolute belief. It is how you live weekly

Without belief the Spirit won't come out in you the same Spirit Jesus told the disciples to wait for him to come to fill them with the Spirit Galations 5 22-23 and 25 The Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives love joy. peace patience kindness goodness faithfulness gentleness and self-control

These you can have by using your Imagination and Intuition properly with a Thankful heart Thanking God for his Blessings in your life Remember James said it is not just saying It is about action with the words There is no law against these things

Since we are living by the Spirit let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives Let us not be conceited or provoke each other or be jealous of one another

Paul suggests there is a test for you to examine your Faith in 2 Corinthians 13:5 Examine yourselves to see if your faith is genuine. Test yourself. Surely you know that Jesus Christ is among us. If not, you have failed the test of genuine faith.

In closing I pray we all pass the test I leave you with Wallace Wattles advice Draw Nigh to God and God will Draw Nigh to You. Amen