

Demonstrating Devotion

1. How do people “see” (experience) the Father?
2. What was Jesus’ reply to Philip (v. 9-11)?
3. How does faith impact prayer (v. 12-14)?
4. What is the difference between obeying out of love and obeying out of fear?
5. Share some benefits of knowing that you are loved by the Father.
6. What thoughts come to mind when you consider the Father and Son making their home with you (v. 23)?
7. What is the difference between the world’s peace and Christ’s peace (v. 27)?

⁷“If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him.”

⁸Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.”

⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’

¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. ¹¹Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

¹²Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. ¹³And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.

¹⁵If you love Me, keep My commandments. ¹⁶And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— ¹⁷the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

¹⁹A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also.

²⁰At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. ²¹He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”

²²Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, “Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?”

²³Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. ²⁴He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father’s who sent Me.

²⁵These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. ²⁶But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. ²⁸You have heard Me say to you, ‘I am going away and coming back to you.’ If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, ‘I am going to the Father,’ for My Father is greater than I.

²⁹And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe. ³⁰I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me. ³¹But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do. Arise, let us go from here.

Be a Fruitful Follower of Christ

Read: John 15:1-27

Monday

1-5 — How does God “prune” us? What do you consider to be “fruit”? What is involved in the act of “abiding”? What types of things do people try to do without Jesus’ help?

Tuesday

6-10 — How does abiding in Christ impact prayer life? What do you need to do so that you can bear more fruit? How does one abide in Jesus’ love?

Wednesday

11-15 — What is it like to have joy that is “full”? How did Jesus show His love? What does Jesus call us in verse 14? How does that relationship impact you?

Thursday

16-19 — Who chose who? How does reflecting on that truth affect your walk? Why do you think that we need to be commanded to love one another? Do you think that the world hates you?

Friday

20-23 — When did Jesus previously say “a servant is not greater than his master”? What types of persecution do you fear? What is the difference between persecution for Christ’s sake and persecution for one’s own sake? What does verse 22 mean? Does this mean that “ignorance is bliss”?

Saturday

24-27 — Who is the “Helper”? What does the Helper do? Take time to thank the Father for the Helper.
