

I. We must seek a growing relationship with Jesus (v. 10-11)

A. We can experience the resurrection power of Jesus

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.” (Ephesians 3:20)

B. We can experience close fellowship with Jesus

“I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything I learned from my Father I have made known to you.” (John 15:15)

C. We can experience transformation into the likeness of Jesus

“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.” (Galatians 2:20)

D. We can experience resurrection from the dead

“Because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in his presence.” (2 Corinthians 4:14)

II. We must seek to discover and do God’s will (v. 12)

A. It is God’s will for us to know him

“Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.” (John 17:3)

B. It is God’s will for us to know him better

“I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you make know him better.” (Ephesians 1:17)

C. It is God’s will for us to be servants of God

III. We must make our relationship with Jesus our highest priority (v. 13-14)

A. We must commit to lifelong spiritual growth

“Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” (2 Peter 3:18)

B. We must realize nothings is as important as knowing Jesus

“I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.” (Philippians 3:8)

C. We must not let the past hold us back

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See I am doing a new thing!” (Isaiah 43:19)

D. We must choose to keep moving forward

“Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.” (Hebrews 12:1)

E. We must give every effort to finish well

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.” (2 Timothy 4:7)

F. We must answer the call to heaven