



“First Seek Counsel of the Lord”

The Old Testament King Ahab of Israel consulted his ally, King Jehoshaphat of Judah about going to war together against King Aram and reclaim some land that really belonged to Israel. Jehoshaphat agreed. And then the Bible says,

“BUT JEHOSEPHATH ALSO SAID TO THE KING OF ISRAEL, **“FIRST SEEK THE COUNSEL OF THE LORD.”** 1Kings 22:5

God gave up everything to make it possible for us to pray. He wants us to seek his counsel FIRST!

The more often you are exposed to God’s thoughts in His word, the more you love and trust God’s wisdom, the sooner you will lay out yourself before Him in prayer.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and don’t lean on your own understanding. Acknowledge Him in ALL your ways, and He will make your path straight.” Proverbs 3:5-6

God acknowledges the “popcorn prayers” when we cry out to Him in an emergency. But He wants a deeper, more mature and adult relationship with us than just us asking Him for help and blessing while driving to work.

Have you ever met someone who talks nonstop about what is going on in his/her life and never asks how you are? I have, and when I leave that person, I realize that person cares nothing about me. Have you ever met someone (family member?) who only calls you when they need something? And yet we fall into that trap with God.

How about changing your daily routine and trying the **10/10 Plan**?

Set aside 10 minutes each day to let God talk to you and then 10 minutes to talk to God. Pick a time, preferably in the morning. Find a comfy chair, open your Bible to Genesis and just start reading for 10 minutes. Then, pick up a pad and begin writing down prayers of praise, thanksgiving, confession, and then pray for yourself and others. Use this prayer guide each morning with your reading.

Do you brush your teeth each morning? This **10/10 Plan** is a habit that will benefit you far more than clean teeth! The relationship you build with God will last for eternity.