

# Deepening Our Lives

## *30 Days To A Higher Level Of Spiritual Maturity*

### **Introduction:**

A. Thinking about the past – memories of home.

B. Two common realizations:

1. How necessary is \_\_\_\_\_.

2. How essential is \_\_\_\_\_.

### **I. Growing Beyond Early Love Versus Leaving It**

A. The example of an ancient church (*Revelation 2:1-5*).

B. Journey back in your mind to your first days as a brand-new believer in Jesus Christ.

### **II. Intimacy With God Requires \_\_\_\_\_**

A. The great question is, “How?”

B. **Discipline** is the secret in our returning to our “first love.”

### **III. Discipline Yourself For Intimacy With God**

A. Paul's advice to young Timothy (*1 Timothy 4:1-8*)

B. With wisdom comes Christlikeness (*Job 23:10-12; 2 Corinthians 12:9-10*)

### **IV. Intimacy With God Must Be Intentional**

A. Two key terms:

1. Intimacy (*Gen. 2:25; 4:1; 1 Sam. 1:19-20; Matt. 1:23-25; Phil. 3:8-11*)

2. Discipline – the means for having intimacy with God.

B. Cultivate that discipline and your relationship with the Lord will flourish!