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From before the foundation of the world, God has longed for sons and daughters to love Him and enjoy fellowship with Him. When we are born again of God's spirit, we have access to God. We become His children and instantly become part of a family—the family of God, with God as our Father (Ephesians 2:18,19).

The more abundant life that Jesus Christ made available is in direct proportion to our walking in fellowship with our heavenly Father. The Bible teaches us how to maintain our fellowship by renewing our minds according to God's Word and by acting on it. The Word also provides a way to restore our fellowship so that we can have access to God's absolute best at all times.

Manifesting the more abundant life as God's children is dependent upon maintaining our fellowship with our heavenly Father. Our standing as sons and daughters of God is eternal, and nothing can separate us from His love (Romans 8:38,39). However, our fellowship, or continued relationship, with God is determined by us, by our freewill decision to abide by the condition set forth in God's Word.

*I John 1:5-7:*

*This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.*

*If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:*

*But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*

We have the choice to walk in the light as He, God, is light, or to walk in darkness where we remain God's sons but do not enjoy the sweetness of fellowship with Him. God is light, and so is His Word (Psalms 119:105). The condition we must meet to

have fellowship with God is to walk in the light of His Word. Our Father lovingly instructs us to do this by way of the renewed mind, and He tells us what the results will be.

*Romans 12:2:*

*And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

Rather than being conformed to the darkness of this world, we align our thoughts and actions with the light of God's Word. In so doing, we are in fellowship with God, and we have access to His wisdom and divine knowledge (Ephesians 1:17). Our Father encourages us to think and act according to His perfect will, which results in our being transformed and exhibiting a new quality of life. Our relationship with God is sweet and harmonious, and we manifest a power-filled life that glorifies God.

There are times in all our lives when we find that our thinking and actions have gone in a direction that is contrary to the standards of God's will. This can adversely affect our fellowship with God. But we never need to remain separated or out of fellowship with Him. God has lovingly given us an effective way to restore our broken fellowship with Him.

*I John 1:9:*

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

God by way of the accomplished works of Jesus Christ makes us as righteous as He is (II Corinthians 5:21). We don't ever want to be condemning ourselves in our heart when we fall short. Condemnation disrupts our fellowship with God; it indicates a lack of confidence toward Him. But when our heart doesn't condemn us, we are confident toward God, trusting that He is willing to answer our prayers.

*I John 3:20-22:*

*For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.*

*Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.*

*And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.*

Our ability to fellowship with God as our Father and live the more abundant life that Jesus Christ made available is only a thought away. As we think according to God's Word and act in agreement with His will, we enjoy all the benefits of fellowship with Him. When we stumble or break fellowship with God, we simply ask for His forgiveness and get back to walking in harmony with His will, restoring our sweet fellowship with Him. We can have confidence in God, knowing that our prayers will be answered. So let's live a life of abundance by guarding our most precious relationship of all—our fellowship with the Father.

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