

“Building God’s Heart into CBC: One Life at a Time”

Matthew 4:18-22; 22:34-40; John 15:1-8

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If you want to see your loved ones come to love and worship God...

1. **Love God with all of your heart, soul and mind.
(Matthew 22:34-40)**

2. **Abide/remain in Christ. (John 15:1-8)**

“Never let a hurried lifestyle disturb the relationship of abiding in Him. This is an easy thing to allow, but we must guard against it.”

Oswald Chambers, *My Utmost for His Highest*,
Discovery House Publishers, Grand Rapids, MI, 1995, January 23.

“Think of the things that take you out of the position of abiding in Christ. You say, ‘Yes, Lord, just a minute—I still have this to do. Yes, I will abide as soon as this is finished, or as soon as this week is over. It will be all right, Lord. I will abide then.’ *Get moving*—begin to abide *now*. In the initial stages it will be a continual effort to abide, but as you continue, it will become so much a part of your life that you will abide in Him without any conscious effort. Make the determination to abide in Jesus wherever you are now or wherever you may be placed in the future.”

Oswald Chambers, *My Utmost for His Highest*,
Discovery House Publishers, Grand Rapids, MI, 1995, June 14.

3. **Leave your _____ behind and follow Jesus. (Matthew 4:18-22)**

“Jesus’ statement ‘follow me’ is not a command to follow from behind—see what Jesus does, and copy that. It’s the equivalent of saying ‘come *with* me.’ Fishing for men is a welcoming ‘come with me’ invitation to have an intimate Friend on the journey who guarantees the fulfillment of His promise. In the process, others accept the invitation to ‘come with’ Jesus.”

Dave McBride, *Building God’s Heart for CBC Devotional Guide*, March 12, 2009.

“Many people today are pouring their lives out and working for Jesus Christ, but are not really walking with Him.”

Oswald Chambers, *My Utmost for His Highest*, Discovery House Publishers, Grand Rapids, MI, 1995, March 9.

Conclusion:

“This soul, ‘at leisure from itself to soothe and sympathize’ has nothing to do but to hear His voice and follow His lead. It is more being than doing. It is more in abiding than working. Apart from Him we can do nothing (John 15:5). But the man who delights (Palms 1:3), who abides (John 15:5) who lives by the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-25) will bear much fruit...in its season.”

Ellen Gingrich, *Building God’s Heart for CBC Devotional Guide*, March 7, 2009.