



# Practicing God's Presence



## 12 Ties that Bind Long-Term Relationships:

- Thinking positively about your partner
- Thinking about your partner when apart.
- Difficulty concentrating on other things when thinking about your partner.



## 12 Ties that Bind Long-Term Relationships:

- Enjoying novel and challenging activities.
- Spending time together.
- Expressing affection.
- Being turned on by your partner.
- Engaging in sexual relations.



## 12 Ties that Bind Long-Term Relationships:

- Feeling generally happy.
- Wanting to know where your partner is at all times. (not stalking!)
- Obsessively thinking about your partner.
- Having a strong passion for life.



## Revelation 2:4-5 The Message

“But you walked away from your first love – why? What’s going on with you, anyway? Do you have any idea how far you’ve fallen? A Lucifer fall!

“Turn back! Recover your dear early love. No time to waste, for I’m well on my way to removing your light from the inner circle.



Romans 12:11a NIV

Never be lacking in zeal...







# Romans 12:11b NIV

...but keep your spiritual fervor...










# Romans 12:11c NIV


...serving the Lord.






## Romans 12:1-2 The Message

So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life – your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life – and place it before God as an offering. Embrace what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him.



## Romans 12:1-2 The Message

Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it.



## Romans 12:1-2 The Message

Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings out the best of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.



## 2 Corinthians 4:5b-6 The Message

All we are is messengers, errand runners from Jesus for you. It started when God said, “Light up the darkness!” and our lives filled up with light as we saw and understood God in the face of Christ, all bright and beautiful.