

10 Character Traits of Those Who Make God Their Dwelling Place (Part 2)

The first part of this article explored 10 traits that characterize those who make God their dwelling place, emphasizing gratitude, worship, submission to Christ, and stewardship of creation. This way of living continues to shape how believers engage with God, others, and the world.

In this second part, we'll explore 10 additional traits that further illustrate what it means to live in the sacred reality of God's presence.

1. A Deep Awareness of God's Sovereignty

Those who dwell in God live with the unshakable knowledge that He is sovereign over all creation. Psalm 46:10 declares, "Be still, and know that I am God." This awareness brings a profound sense of peace and trust, even in uncertain times.

Believers rooted in God's sovereignty understand that nothing happens outside His control. They rest in the assurance that every event, whether joyful or challenging, is woven into His divine plan. This trust allows them to live without fear, knowing their lives are secure in His hands.

2. A Life of Intercession

Dwelling in God's presence inspires a heart for prayer, not just for personal needs but for others. Those who make God their refuge take on the role of intercessors, standing in the gap for their families, communities, and the world.

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Their prayer life reflects God's heart for restoration and healing. They echo the words of Ezekiel 22:30: "I looked for someone among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land." Their intercession can bring spiritual renewal and divine intervention in the lives of others.

3. A Heart for the Lost

Making God your dwelling place means embracing His mission to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10). Those who live in God's presence are burdened by the spiritual condition of others and are motivated to share the gospel.

This trait is rooted in love, not obligation. Their outreach is marked by compassion and understanding that they were once lost but have been found. Their lives serve as living testimonies, pointing others to the transformative power of Christ.

4. The Pursuit of Holiness

God calls His people to be holy, as He is holy (1 Peter 1:16). Those who dwell in God strive to reflect His character in their lives. This pursuit of holiness is not about legalism but about becoming more like Christ.

They are intentional in avoiding sin and cultivating virtues such as humility, patience, and love. Their desire to honor God shapes their actions, words, and thoughts, making holiness a defining mark of their lives.

5. An Eternal Perspective

Living in God's presence shifts a person's focus from temporary, earthly concerns to eternal realities. Colossians 3:2 instructs, "Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things."

Those who dwell in God are not consumed by materialism or worldly ambition. Instead, they prioritize what will last forever: their relationship with God, their impact on others, and their eternal inheritance in Christ. This eternal perspective brings clarity, purpose, and freedom from the distractions of life.

6. A Spirit of Generosity

Recognizing that all they have comes from God, those who make Him their dwelling place live with open hands. They embody the spirit of 2 Corinthians 9:7: "God loves a cheerful giver."

Their generosity goes beyond financial giving; it includes time, talents, and resources. They find joy in meeting the needs of others and investing in God's kingdom. Their lives demonstrate true wealth is found in serving others and honoring God.

7. Unwavering Integrity

Dwelling in God's presence fosters a commitment to truth and righteousness. Those who live in Him strive to maintain integrity in all aspects of life, whether in relationships, business dealings, or private moments.

Proverbs 8:7-8 says, "for my mouth will utter truth; wickedness is an abomination to my lips. All the words of my mouth are

righteous;there is nothing twisted or crooked in them.”

Psalm 15:1-2 asks, “Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent? Who may live on your holy mountain? The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart.”

Thus, their posture regarding integrity flows from their desire to please God above all else.

8. Resilience in Suffering

Those who make God their dwelling place possess supernatural resilience in the face of suffering. They trust in God’s promises, knowing He works all things together for their good (Romans 8:28).

Rather than medicating themselves with their drugs, entertainment, and pleasure when faced with trials, they see hardships as opportunities for spiritual growth and greater dependence on God. Their resilience is a powerful testimony to others, showing that God’s presence provides strength and comfort in even the darkest times (Psalm 46).

9. A Commitment to Reconciliation

Living in God’s presence compels believers to pursue peace and reconciliation. They embody the call of Matthew 5:9: “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”

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Those who dwell in God work to mend broken relationships, promote unity, and bring healing where there is division. They reflect God’s reconciling nature, understanding that He has

reconciled them to Himself through Christ.

10. A Life Marked by Joy

Finally, those who make God their dwelling place radiate joy. This joy is not dependent on circumstances but rooted in their relationship with God. Psalm 16:11 declares, "In your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore."

Their joy is contagious, drawing others to the hope and peace they have found in Christ. It reflects their deep awareness of God's love and confidence in His goodness.

Conclusion

These 10 additional traits further illustrate the transformative impact of making God your dwelling place. From a deep awareness of His sovereignty to a life marked by joy, those who live in His presence reflect His character in every aspect of their lives.

As believers embrace this calling, they experience God's nearness and become vessels of His grace to the world around them. Together, the 20 traits from both parts of this article offer a comprehensive picture of what it means to dwell in God, showing that dwelling in the matrix of His person and presence is not merely a place to visit but a way of life.

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