

Practicing God's Tangible Presence by Neville Johnson

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This teaching by *Neville Johnson* focuses on the discipline of spending consistent, daily time in the presence of God to facilitate spiritual growth and a "conditioning process." Below are the key concepts and points discussed:

Core Concepts of Spiritual Conditioning

- **Systematic Discipline:** Johnson emphasizes that believers must move beyond sporadic spiritual experiences (often following conventions) by setting aside daily, undistracted time for the presence of God (0:24–0:58).
- **The "Conditioning" Process:** He describes the presence of God as a force that physically and solishly (soul-level) conditions the believer, making them more compatible with God's dimension and power (5:56–6:22, 11:26).
- **Vibrational Alignment:** Johnson posits that humans vibrate and that spiritual growth increases one's vibration. As a believer's internal state reaches higher levels, they become capable of encountering God without Him having to "dial down" His presence to avoid overwhelming them (11:46–12:27).
- **The "Feel" of Presence:** A central theme is the importance of cultivating and leaning into the "feel" or sense of God's presence. He warns that if one loses the sense of this presence, they may struggle to maintain the connection (4:32–4:40).

Practical Instructions for Practice

- **Minimizing Distractions:** When entering the presence, he suggests using instrumental music (without lyrics) to avoid engaging the mind in a way that blocks God's communication (1:20–1:51).
- **Persistence:** He shares his personal testimony of spending days or weeks "feeling nothing" yet remaining committed, citing the biblical promise: "Seek and keep on seeking... if you seek me with your whole heart you will find me" (3:49–3:53, 5:02–5:13).
- **Handling Spontaneous Anointings:** Johnson advises that when an "anointing" or "shower" of the Holy Spirit occurs unexpectedly (e.g., while driving), one should not attempt to "do" something with it, but rather simply enjoy it and maintain the state (6:35–7:35, 19:06–19:19).

Scriptural References and Principles

- **Knocking on the Door:** Johnson references the concept of Jesus knocking on the door of a believer's heart (Rev 3:20). He teaches that this "knock" often manifests as a sudden sense of God's presence or a sudden hunger for Him, and that the "handle" is on the inside, meaning the believer must consciously choose to open the door (16:19–17:55).
- **Secret Place:** He advocates for dwelling in the "secret place of the most high," emphasizing that consistency leads to a state where one can walk in that presence even while attending to daily life (10:18–10:34).

Key Statements and Quotes

- *"Business brings barrenness. We need time to be with God."* (9:22)
- *"You cannot be in the presence of the Lord and remain the same. It affects you."* (6:15)
- *"God will watch to see if you are going to really mean business."* (4:55)

- *"It is not to do something with, it is doing something to you."* (6:46)