

**Title: Elements of intimacy**  
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## **II Thessalonians 2:1-3 NIV**

<sup>1</sup> Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers, <sup>2</sup> not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by some prophecy, report or letter supposed to have come from us, saying that the day of the Lord has already come. <sup>3</sup> Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction.

## **Matthew 7:21-23 ESV**

<sup>21</sup> Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>22</sup> On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' <sup>23</sup> And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'

## **Matthew 24:12 NKJV**

<sup>12</sup> And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

- Relationship before spiritual / religious activity
- Pursuit of knowledge of God's will

## **Colossians 1:9 ESV**

<sup>9</sup> And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,

- Obedience – doing the necessary first and fully

## **I Samuel 15:22 ESV**

<sup>22</sup> And Samuel said, "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams."

## **Numbers 30:2 ESV**

<sup>2</sup> If a man vows a vow to the LORD, or swears an oath to bind himself by a pledge, he shall not break his word. He shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth.

- Submission – honouring authority

### **Authority:**

- ☐ Sovereign
- ☐ Moral (conscience)
- ☐ Veracious
- ☐ Official
- ☐ Functional
- ☐ Custom

## **Matthew 8:8-9 ESV**

<sup>8</sup> But the centurion replied, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. <sup>9</sup> For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

- Accountability – where true worship originates

## **Ephesians 5:21 ESV**

<sup>21</sup> submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

### **Group level**

- ☐ How are you responding to your God-given opportunities / Divine appointments?
- ☐ How are you growing over your fears?
- ☐ How are you honouring your commitments?
- ☐ How are you obeying God's voice?

### **Partner level**

- ☐ How are you stewarding your resources?
- ☐ Are you struggling with anything that could displease God?
- ☐ How are you managing your circles of influence?
- ☐ How's your pursuit of destiny – (i.e. current assignments) ? – are you on schedule?
- ☐ **Have you told the truth today?**