

Abiding and Listening **Luke 10:38-42**

For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority.

Colossians 2:9-10 (NASB)

Definition - Abiding is continually dwelling "in" Christ by ...

- Trusting upon our sufficiency "in" Him &
- Obeying His teachings in His strength.

Abiding, not striving nor struggling; looking unto Him; trusting Him for present power; trusting Him to subdue all inward corruption; resting in the love of an almighty Savior.

Hudson Taylor

I. If we do not abide:

1. Self-focus
2. Forcing
3. Disappointment
4. Anger
5. Anxiety
6. Exhaustion
7. Wounding

"Nothing has done greater damage to our Christian testimony than our trying to be right and demanding right of others." Watchman Nee

II. Results of Abiding (Trusting & Obeying)

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1. **Answered prayer** **Vs 7**

2. **God's name will be honored** Vs 8
3. **Love will flow freely** Vs 9-10
4. **Obedience will be constant** Vs 9-10
5. **Joy will be abundant** Vs 11

III. Staying "in" the abiding life

- A. Psalm 139:23-24
- B. Psalm 109:22
- C. Psalm 50:15

Spiritually & Emotionally healthy people learn to go to God and get "Life" in daily matters without "having" to go to others on a "constant" basis. They are also completely honest with God & at least one other person on a "consistent" basis.
Counseling professor

- D. Psalm 105:4