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Notes:

Matthew 28:20 He did not mean personally; currently he is seated at the right hand of God.

Acts 1:11 He has promised to return in person at the end of the age.

Jesus' presence is in us through the holy spirit, which enables his influence to be realized by each and every one of his followers.

1. Relationship with God
2. Teacher
3. Strength to carry out the lifestyle Jesus instructs us to live
4. Empowerment for ministry

RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

John 14:1-3 I will come again.

Verse 3 "If I go and prepare a place for you, I WILL COME AGAIN"

Verse 18 "I will not leave you as orphans; I WILL COME TO YOU"

Verse 28 "You heard that I said to you, I go away and I WILL COME TO YOU"

Verse 23 "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and WE WILL COME TO HIM."

The very essence of what Jesus is putting forth is that he would come and dwell within his people by means of the holy spirit.

John 14:8-11 The reason Jesus was explaining his relationship with God is that with the advent of the spirit of truth, the same oneness he had with God was soon to be available to his disciples.

John 14:12 The greatest work and certainly not the only work that Jesus did was to maintain a oneness relationship with God.

John 14:13-24 The indwelling of Christ in God in you enables a harmonious relationship to exist.

TEACHER

John 14:25; 16:5-7, 12-15 The spirit will teach and guide into the all truth.

1 Corinthians 2:7-13 The spirit helps us to know the things freely given to us by God.

STRENGTH TO CARRY OUT THE LIFESTYLE JESUS INSTRUCTS US TO LIVE.

Ephesians 3:14-21

EMPOWERMENT FOR MINISTRY

Luke 24:46-49 "Clothed with power from on high"

Acts 1:8