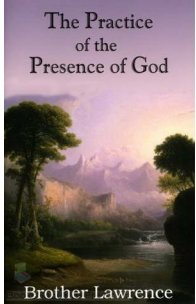


Book Review: Practicing The Presence of God *by Brother Lawrence*



Brother Lawrence (1614-1691) felt intimately close to God as he humbly scrubbed pots and pans in the monastery kitchen. Certainly he practiced specific times of devotional prayer elsewhere. But what he found more life-transforming was prayer during the workday. In this devotional classic, he says, "It is a great delusion to think our times of prayer ought to differ from other times. We are as strictly obliged to cleave to God by action in the time of action, as by prayer in the season of prayer." In short, he advocated that we "pray without ceasing" (I Thess. 5:17).

That's a helpful reminder, because we tend to compartmentalize our lives. But wherever we are and whatever we're doing, God wants to be a part of it. This book may have been written nearly 400 years ago, but is still as pertinent and life-affecting today as it surely was then. I heartily recommend it.