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being closely connected for the glory of God

1665, coined in
Fr. 17c from *juxta*
"close, near" + French
position. *juxta* is a
contraction of **jugista*
(adv.), superlative of
adj. **jugos* "closely
connected," from stem
of *jugum* "yoke," from
jungere "to join"

Juxtaposition: Closely Connected for the Glory of God

Juxtaposition, first definition

Juxtaposition, second definition

Psalm 16, NIV

"Keep me safe, O God, for in you I take refuge. I said to the LORD, You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing.

As for the saints who are in the land, they are the glorious ones in whom is all my delight. The sorrows of those will increase who run after other gods. I will not pour out their libations of blood or take their names on my lips.

LORD, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have made my lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.

I will praise the LORD, who counsels me, even at night my heart instructs me. I have set the LORD always before me. Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand."

I. Closely Connected to God

Three ways to foster intimacy with God

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Three ways intimacy with God affects our lives as wives of men in ministry

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Favorite Resources:

Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life Donald S. Whitney

10 Questions to Diagnose Your Spiritual Health Donald S. Whitney

Valley of Vision Banner of Truth

When I Don't Desire God John Piper

God Is the Gospel John Piper

Knowing God J I Packer

II. Closely Connected to the Saints: Taking a Special Delight in God's People

What does it mean to delight?

2 Reasons to delight in the saints

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6 Ways to cultivate delight in the saints

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The only way we will be able to delight in the saints

Why, as pastor's wives, is it so very important for us to delight in the saints?

Favorite Resources

Spiritual Disciplines Within the Church: Participating Fully in the Body of Christ

Relationships: A Mess Worth Making Tim S. Lane

Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands Paul Tripp

When People Are Big and God Is Small Ed Welch

Meditating and praying Paul's prayers for believers in the epistles

III. Closely Connected to Contentment: Living Joyfully within the Boundaries God Has Set over Your Life

Why our boundaries are difficult

How David could rejoice even within difficult boundaries

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The key to being closely connected to contentment as wives, and particularly as pastors' wives

Two important questions to ask yourself

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8 Ways to Make a Home for Your Husband in Your Life

1. Make a home for him in your heart:

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2. Make a home for him in your mind

3. Make a home for him in your energy level/schedule

4. Make a home for him in your quiet time

5. Make a home for him in your home

6. Make a home for him in your family

7. Make a home for him in your ministry

8. Make a home for his friends

Why is it particular important for pastor's wives to do these things?

How David and we can find contentment even while facing issues of sin and difficulties within our boundaries

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Favorite books:

Feminine Appeal and Shopping for Time by Carolyn Mahaney

Be Happy the shortened, quick to read and WONDERFUL version of the even more wonderful, but longer and harder to read Puritan book called The Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment by Jeremiah Burroughs

The Dangerous Duty of Delight in God John Piper

IV. Closely Connected to Heaven

How David could have joy during even the most difficult things in his life?

What would bring David—and us--joy in God's presence?

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Life as a Vapor John Piper

Pilgrim's Progress John Bunyan

Charity and Its Fruits Jonathan Edwards (Last sermon: Heaven is a World of Love)

Dying Thoughts Richard Baxter