

ANOTHER COUNSELOR

John 14:12-31 Notes on Message

Jesus leaves us but sends another Counselor, a friend, to take His place until He returns - the Holy Spirit.

•14:15-19 *"If you love me, obey my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, who will never leave you. No, I will not abandon you as orphans - I will come to you. For I will live again and you will, too."*

"If you love me, show it by doing what I've told you. I will talk to the Father, and he'll provide you with another Friend so that you will always have someone with you." Message

The Counselor. He is God, THE HELPING HAND, and God the ever-present friend of every person who walks beside us every hour of our life. He is called the Comforter, the Advocate, the Helper, the Friend. The Greek word is 'Paraklaton.'" Para means "along side of." Klaton means "to stand." A paraklaton then is one who stands along side of us in our circumstances. *I John 2:1*

Four things we need to do to prepare ourselves for and keep His wonderful presence.

(1) **Ask.** *"If you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask."*

(2) **Acknowledge God** as my creator, my savior, my Father, first thing in the morning.
"Wake up, my soul! I will awaken the dawn with my song. I will thank you, Lord ..." Psalm 108:1-3

(3) **Bless people.** In this day I will intentionally go out of my way to give and bless at least one person. This is the way of Jesus.

"He went about doing good, and healing all those who were oppressed by the Devil." Acts 10:38

(4) **Try not to offend, grieve, or resist him.** *"Mark out a straight path for your feet." "Try to live in peace with everyone, and seek to live a clean and holy life, for those who are not holy will not see the Lord."* Hebrews 12:13-14