



## THE ONE THING YOU NEED

1 Chronicles 15:1

**1 Chronicles 15:1 (NKJV)** David built houses for himself in the City of David; and he prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched a tent for it.

*God's presence:*

- ▶ Was removed from Cain and resulted in him becoming a restless wanderer. **Genesis 4:14**
- ▶ Brought favor and blessing to Abraham. **Genesis 21:22**
- ▶ Freed the Hebrews from Egyptian slavery. **Exodus 12:12-13; Exodus 14:13-16**
- ▶ Was greatly valued by Moses. **Exodus 33:13-17**
- ▶ Gave Gideon the ability to do God's work. **Judges 6:12**
- ▶ Gave Joshua the wisdom and power to conquer the Promised Land. **Joshua 1:5-6**
- ▶ Was lost by Israel. **1 Samuel 4:19-22**
- ▶ Blessed the house of Obed-Edom. **2 Samuel 6:11**
- ▶ Is revealed in Jesus Christ. **Matthew 1:22-23**

*How do we prepare for the presence of God?*

### 1. Seek.

**Isaiah 55:6 (NIV)** Seek the Lord while He may be found; call on Him while He is near.

### 2. Sacrifice.

**Exodus 29:10-11 (NIV)** Bring the bull to the front of the tent of meeting, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on its head. Slaughter it in the Lord's presence at the entrance to the tent of meeting.

### 3. Sensitize.

**1 Samuel 24:4-6 (TLB)** "Now's your time!" David's men whispered to him. "Today is the day the Lord was talking about when He said, 'I will certainly put Saul into your power, to do with as you wish!'" Then David crept forward and quietly slit off the bottom of Saul's robe! But then his conscience began bothering him. "I shouldn't have done it," he said to his men. "It is a serious sin to attack God's chosen king in any way."

### 4. Serve.

**Matthew 24:45-46 (NLT)** A faithful, sensible servant is one to whom the master can give the responsibility of managing his other household servants and feeding them. If the master returns and finds that the servant has done a good job, there will be a reward.