

We will begin to grow in wisdom, knowledge and understanding, and mature in our faith, as we seek the LORD through prayer, fasting, and study of His Word.

Getting to know God is an ongoing, lifetime process which requires time, patience and perseverance. It is a serious commitment which requires devotion, dedication and determination. The sacrifice of our time is incomparable with the sacrifice of Christ!

Do you desire to take the first step to begin, build and develop a special and intimate spiritual relationship with God?

Scriptural References:

Leviticus 26
Deuteronomy 6:5
1 Kings 8:61
1 Chronicles 5:20
1 Chronicles 29:17
Ezra 7:10
Psalm 1:2
Psalm 15:1-2
Psalm 20:7-8
Psalm 24:3-5
Psalm 26:2-3
Psalm 37:4
Psalm 40:4
Psalm 86:11
Psalm 100:5
Psalm 106:1
Psalm 119:47,77
Psalm 136:4
Psalm 145:18
Proverbs 3:5-8
Proverbs 11:28
Proverbs 16:3
Isaiah 26:3-4
Isaiah 42:17
Jeremiah 17:5-10
Ezekiel 18:9
Matthew 6:24
Matthew 17:20
Matthew 25:1-13
Mark 12:30
Luke 12:35-40
Luke 13:1-5,24
John 14:12,15
Romans 7:22
Romans 12:11-12
1 Corinthians 1:9
1 Corinthians 6:18-20
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Galatians 5:24
Colossians 4:2
Titus 2:11-12
Hebrews 11:1,6,33-34
1 John 2:15-17
1 John 3:9
1 John 5:3,16

**For more inspiring, encouraging,
informative and educational gospel
tracts please visit:**

www.godzangelmusic.com
www.valentinabestmusic.net

Intimacy With God



Do you desire a spiritual relationship with God? What vital qualities are we to display in our relationship with God? How do we draw closer to Him, and please Him? What is the first step to beginning, building and developing our relationship with Almighty God?

Vital qualities to display in our spiritual relationship with God:

1. First Love and Priority Number One: Firstly, God demonstrated the greatest love for us by sending His one and only begotten, divine, precious Holy Son, Jesus Christ, as the perfect sacrifice for our sins. (*Please read tract - Precious Blood of Jesus - Wonder Working Power!*). We demonstrate our love for God through obedience to His commandments (1 John 5:3), pleasing Him, doing His will, (we find out God's will through study of His word) and serving Him faithfully and wholeheartedly. (*Please read tract - 'No Idols!'*)

The first four commandments show our sincere love for God, and (*Exodus 20:3-6*) the greatest and most important commandment is to 'love the Lord our God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength' (*Deuteronomy 6:5*). God demands first place and first priority in our lives. God will test us to see if we love Him, or the physical things of this world, and whether we love Him for who He is, or the amazing things that He does for us. How much we love God will determine how much time we spend in our relationship with Him. If we are focused on God, and He is first love and first priority, then we desire to please Him, and will spend maximum quality time in building, and developing our spiritual relationship with Him through praise and worship, including prayer, fasting and bible study. Keeping the seventh day Sabbath holy, will demonstrate that we respect God, and His commandments, and that He is before and above anything or anyone else. (*Please read tract - Seventh Day Sabbath*)

2. Passion: There are 2 kinds of passion: Godly passion is strong affection and great enthusiasm for God. Being a slave to God and slave to righteousness leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. Worldly passion is earthly, sensual and demonic, and being a slave to sin results in death. Therefore, when we put to death the carnal nature with its sinful passions and desires; we become passionate about God, and are filled with zeal for Him, as we live by the Spirit (*Romans 12:11 & Titus 2:12*).

3. Devotion: Devotion means great love, loyalty and zeal for God. Prayer and living upright, holy and godly lives will demonstrate our devotion to God and desire to obey His commandments (*Psalms 86:2*). One of the things that will determine whether our hearts are right with God is whether we are devoted to Him, or the physical things of this world, because no one can serve both God and money (*Matthew 6:24*). Those who possess the Holy Spirit are not dominated by the physical, worldly or natural life. They will resist temptations, including greed and gluttony; sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery; and other sinful pleasures of this world. They will be completely devoted to God. Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

4. Faith: *Hebrews 11:1* says: "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is the Biblical definition of faith. It is a strong belief in the things that are unseen (*Heb 11:1,6 & Hebrews 4:14*). There is more to faith than believing in the existence of God. Our faith must be accompanied by actions. This is living faith. It is dangerous for a believer to be eager for money (the love of money is the root of all evil), because it will destroy his faith, and he will cause himself much grief. We must fix our eyes on Jesus, who is the author and perfecter of our faith. (*Please read tract - 'Who Through Faith ...'*)

5. Faithfulness: Faithfulness means being true, loyal, devoted and dedicated to God. God is faithful to us, and we, likewise, must remain loyal and faithful to Him. This includes remaining faithful in prayer, which means persevering in true, open, honest communication with God. Remaining faithful to God means that we obey His commandments, and get rid of any physical household items that are sinful and evil, and will open the door for demonic activity, and interfere with our relationship with God. As we read in *Leviticus 26*, the afflictions for disobedience to God's commandments are multiplied seven times over. We demonstrate our faithfulness to God, by asking Him to fill us with the Holy Spirit, to help us avoid sin and resist temptations, especially the gravest sins in God's eyes with the heaviest of penalties, which are for example, idolatry in all its forms, including witchcraft; sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery (*1 Samuel 12:24 & Ephesians 5:5-7*). When we publicly acknowledge that Jesus is the Son of God, Jesus acknowledges us before the angels of God, as His loyal followers.

6. Honesty/truthfulness: Being open and sincere with God is crucial in our relationship with Him. God will test and examine our hearts to see if we are seriously desiring to walk continually in His truth. God will teach us His ways, and guide us by His truth, and instruct us in the knowledge of His Word. He will reward us accordingly (*Proverbs 12:22*).

7. Trust: Trust means that we depend on God, hope in Him, and have confidence in His mighty power! Trusting in God means we persevere in our relationship with Him regardless of circumstances, knowing that God is faithful to His promises, and will always see us through any situation. God will test us to see if we trust in Him; or self, and the physical things of this world, such as wealth and possessions that are temporary, and passing away, and do not provide any

long-lasting peace, happiness, joy or satisfaction (*Psalms 32:10 & 1 John 2:15-17*). Trust in God results in blessings; and trust in physical things results in curses (*Jeremiah 17:5-8*).

8. Commitment and Dedication: Is our promise to God that we will be faithful, loyal and devoted to Him. Commitment requires self-sacrifice (as opposed to self-indulgence) where we deny self, take up our cross daily, and follow Christ. This means, a readiness to suffer for Christ. Hardships come to all people. But if it is God's will, it is better to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. Suffering produces perseverance. We become humble, obedient and submissive to God. We live according to God's Word, and do not conform to the evil ways of this world (*Psalms 37:4-6*). We demonstrate our complete commitment and dedication to God, through determination to obey His commandments, and by how much time we spend in prayer, and getting to know God and His will for our lives.

9. Communication: Our daily communication with God is through prayer, where we pour out our innermost feelings, thoughts and emotions, in open, honest, heartfelt prayer. God promises that He is attentive to, and hears the prayer of the righteous; but His face is against those who do evil. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective, and God answers our prayers according to His will, plan, purpose and timing for our lives. Two way communication is vital in our relationship with God. When we speak, God hears us, and when He speaks to us, we listen to Him. There are different ways God communicates to us. For example, through the Holy Spirit, His Word, visions and dreams, angels, godly people, and sometimes even circumstances, etc (*Colossians 4:2*).

10. Reverence/Honor/Respect/Awe: Awe means respect with godly fear and wonder, and our lives must be filled with awe for God. The whole responsibility of man is to fear God and obey His commandments (*Hebrews 12:28*). If one fears God he will depart from and shun evil. This also has health benefits - health to our body and nourishment to our bones. (*Please read tract - 'Health and healing'*).

11. Unity/Harmony: In order for us to be united to, and in harmony with God and His will, we submit to Him, and His laws, and when we draw closer to Him, He will draw nearer to us. There is no fellowship with, and no agreement between believer and unbeliever, and there is nothing in common, and no fellowship between God and Satan. The world, and the things of this world, will draw one further away from God. Therefore we are to separate ourselves from unbelievers, as it is impossible to be a friend of God, and a friend of the world. We are accepted by God when we avoid evil company. Bad company corrupts a person (*1 Corinthians 6:17*).

12. Patience: Patience means that we wait on God, and persist in our relationship with Him, (which includes perseverance in prayer), despite any trial or difficult circumstance, and believe that God will rescue us out of any situation, and fulfill His promises to us. Our relationship with God requires patience to build, develop and strengthen. God is patient with us, and we likewise, must be patient with Him, and this means we love Him (*Psalms 27:14*).

13. Perseverance: Perseverance means to continue steadfastly in our relationship with God under any circumstance, with prayer, soberness, watchfulness and vigilance, and being alert, self-controlled, and filled with the Holy Spirit. It is crucial that we walk by faith, and not by sight, and never give up (*James 1:12*).

14. Endurance: Endurance is our ability to withstand hardship. In other words, we, by the power of God, survive any hardships that may come our way, while persevering in our relationship with God, without wavering in our faith, and our endurance is inspired by hope in Our Lord Jesus Christ (*2 Timothy 2:12*). We must be careful that we bear trials without complaint.

15. Praise and Worship: The first commandment states who we worship, and the second one states how we worship. God commands us to worship Him in spirit and in truth (*Exodus 20:3-6 & John 4:24*) (*Please read tract - 'No Idols!'*). We exalt and acknowledge that there is only one supreme, almighty, true and living God, and there is no other. His throne is in the highest heavens. *1 Corinthians 8:4; 1 Timothy 2:5*. Praise is admiration and honor of God. All glory, honor, praise, majesty and splendor, supreme might and power belongs to God, who alone is praiseworthy, and we praise Him for who He is. Worship is reverence and respect for, adoration of, and devotion to God. We praise and worship Him with clean hands, pure heart, steadfast spirit and renewed mind. This means that true, heartfelt repentance is the first step to drawing near to God. There are many forms of praise and worship including: prayer, music, clapping, singing, shouting, dancing, making a joyful noise, and playing instruments, etc (*Please read tract - 'Praise and Worship'*) (*Psalms 150 & Hebrews 13:15*).

16. Time: Since our relationship with God is most important in our lives, we will devote our time to seek God and learn more about Him, His attributes, qualities and characteristics, His commandments, will and purpose for our lives. We learn how to please God, and serve Him faithfully and wholeheartedly by studying His word. We use our time productively and wisely, in pleasing God and serving Him faithfully and wholeheartedly.