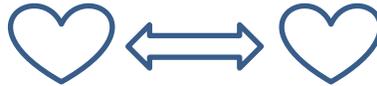


Study Guide: “Having A Personal Relationship With God”

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Working Definitions:

- *Relationship* – the state of being related; kinship (kin = family)
- *Fellowship* – companionship, association = union
- *Mutual* – reciprocal; interchanged, given and received on both sides
- *Evolve* – to unfold, to develop, to open or expand
- *Interest* – to concern; to engage the attention of
- *Authority* – person in power
- *Lord* – Master (one who rules or directs); ruler (one who governs)
- *Sacred* – set apart for a holy purpose

Key Points

Relationship building with God is having a heart to heart connection with Him. It is an ongoing process evolving around love.

Ten Essentials in the Relationship:

1. **Faith** that God is real is the foundation to building a relationship with Him.
Heb. 11:6 “But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.” (KJV)
2. **True Love** from God toward us is real and everlasting. Love God for who he is and love him unconditionally.
1 John 4:9 “On this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.” (KJV)
1 John 4:16 “And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.” (KJV)
1 John 4:19 “We love him because he first loved us.” (KJV)
Deut. 6:5 “And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thine soul, and with all thine might.” (KJV)
3. **Fellowship** with God is achieved by association and union with Him, which is made possible through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.
John 14:6 “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” (KJV)
1 John 1:3 “... truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his son Jesus Christ.” (KJV)
1 Cor. 3:16 “Know ye not you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you.” (KJV)
4. **Mutual Interest** is that God is interested in you and you having an interest and desire to know him personally.
Jeremiah 29:11-13 “For I know the thoughts I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.” (KJV)

5. **Mutual Communication** is God's open honest communication with you through His Holy Spirit and you having open honest communication through conversation and prayer with God.
John 16:13 "Howbeit, when he the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself: but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come." (KJV)

6. **Mutual Acceptance** is God's acceptance of you and you accepting God as Lord of your life and submitting to God's will and ways.
Rom. 2:11 "For there is no respect of persons with God." (KJV)
Deut. 4:39 "Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart that the LORD he is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else."(KJV)
Rev. 19:6 "And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying Alleluia: for the Lord God reigneth."(KJV)

7. **Mutual Giving** is God always giving to you through promises fulfilled in His word. Give God praise, worship, glory, honor and service. Examples of God's promises are...
Psalm 94:22 "But the Lord is my defence; and my God is the rock of my refuge."(KJV) [Protection]
Phil. 4:19 "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. (KJV) [Provision]
Acts 1:8 "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."(KJV) [Power]
Psalm 34:1 "I will bless the LORD at all times: and his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
John 4:23-24 "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in Spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in Spirit and in truth." (KJV)

8. **Private Time Together** with God is sacred and what you tell Him is confidential. God knows what's in your heart and mind already, but have a willingness to share it with Him anyway.
1 Sam. 16:7 "... for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart." (KJV)
Psalm 139:1-2 "O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me. Thou knowest my down sitting and my uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off." (KJV)

9. **Shared Experiences** is that God is present with you in everything you experience.
Heb. 13:5 "Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have; for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." (KJV)

10. **More Faith and Trust** results from personal experiences with God that give testimony of God's faithfulness to you.
Prov. 3:5-6 "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." (KJV)