

## Develop a strong relationship with God.

God wants a personal relationship with you. He knows everything about the imperfect you and loves you just the way you are right now. Our heavenly Father is always near and waiting for you to seek Him. Below are a few tips to get you started on your loving relationship with God.

1) Say prayers to gain peace of mind that God wants to give you. Pray several times a day, when you wake up, go to bed, or whenever. Get in the habit of praying short little prayers whether you are in the car, at work, school, or the store... Remember it takes time and work to have a good relationship with anyone and God wants you to know Him.

(Deuteronomy 4:29) But if from there you seek the LORD your God, you will find him if you look for him with all your heart and with all your soul.

2 ) Develop a relationship with God by telling Him your joys and your fears first, before anybody else. Ask God for help, before you start making plans in your head. Remember if it concerns you, it concerns God and the almighty God is powerful and wants to help you.

(Philippians 4:5-7) "The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

3) Have faith that God will answer your prayers. Be patient and ask God to help you walk in His perfect timing and ways. He knows when is best for you, even if it is not exactly how you want it, everything is in God's perfect good timing.

(Romans 15:13) May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

4) Read God's Word. Learn about the truth and guide for all of life's basic questions. Know God's love by reading His Word, which shows His amazing grace, protection and peace. Obey His commands out of love for Him, because they are there to protect you. Give God 10 to 15 minutes a day to know God more.

(1 John 2:5) But if anyone obeys his word, God's love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.

5 Watch how God works in your life, as you find out more about Him. Put God first in your life and change for the better. Trust Him to provide and He will. Live under the freedom and grace that God gives you, through Jesus Christ.

(Jeremiah 29:11) For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

6 Thank God for everything. Love God and others with all your heart and soul. Be a little more like Jesus, because you are made in His image. Share the love of Jesus with others.

(Colossians 3:17) And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.