

How to Be Close to God

1. Must be a Christian

If you want to be close to God, you must be in His family. There is no closer relationship demonstrated in the Bible than that of family. Friends and acquaintances may try to find a way to end their relationship with you but, family cannot.

John 1:12 *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:*

John 10:14 *I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.*

2. Must Love What He Loves.

We enjoy being around people we have things in common with. The more time we spend with them the more we enjoy the things they do. When my wife and I started dating, she enjoyed playing tennis so I tried to learn something about tennis just to have more in common with her.

Psalms 97:10 *Ye that love the LORD, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.*

3. Must Keep His Commandments.

Christ gives us a command, if we are going to love Him we must keep His commandments.

Proverbs 3:1 *My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments:*

John 14:15 *If ye love me, keep my commandments.*

John 15:10 *If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.*

John 10:27 *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:*

4. You Must Yield to His Power

It is an impossibility to do anything for Christ without first yielding to Him. The Christian life is usually upside down and backwards of everything this world says we should do. You can't just bull through every situation on your own, you have to yield to His power to do anything for Him.

Romans 6:13 *Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.*

Romans 6:16 *Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?*

Romans 6:19 *I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.*

Romans 6:19 is saying as we have given ourselves over to sin in the past, give ourselves over to Christ in the present and rely on His strength.