

YOUR MOST IMPORTANT RELATIONSHIP

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Life is all about relationships. There are two kinds of relationships that man has to be involved in life. They are:

1. Divine relationship – Personal relationship with the Almighty God
2. Human relationships – Relationship with:
 - a. Spouse
 - b. Children
 - c. Parents
 - d. Brothers and sisters
 - e. Church family
 - f. Friends
 - g. Colleagues – school mates, co-staffs
 - h. Business associates
 - i. Neighbours
 - j. Others

Of all these relationships, the most important is your relationship with your creator and God. Divine relationship takes preeminence over all other relationships because:

1. God is supreme
2. God is the giver of the life that we live and call our own and we are going to stand before Him and give account of what we did with the life that He gave us.
3. The spiritual controls the physical.
 - What happens in our relationship with God determines the way things play out in our lives.
 - The spiritual realm is superior to the natural realm.
 - Spiritual forces determine to a large extent what man does and experiences.
 - He who controls your thoughts controls your life.
4. God seeks to have an intimate relationship with man, and through man administer the earth.

Gen 1:26-28

26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. 28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

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Gen 3:8-9

8 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

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James 4:8

8 Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

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GIVE ATTENTION TO YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

It is important that you understand that God seeks a warm and intimate relationship with you. The reason why Jesus came was to restore us back to God the Father that we may have a true, sincere, warm and close relationship with God. God is a person and desires a relationship with all His creatures. Jesus Christ opens the door for this relationship to commence and blossom.

John 14:6

6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

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Therefore it is important that you work towards an intimate relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ from now on. The closer you are to Him, the more you understand Him. The more you understand Him, the more you succeed in life and daily pursuits. The more you understand Him, the more secure you are.

ADVANTAGES OF A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LORD

1. It helps you to know and understand the person of God and how to relate with Him.
2. It helps you to understand the life he has given you and how to enjoy it and use it to advance in life.
3. God will partner with you in your journey of life.
4. God will teach you and instruct you in the way that you should go.
5. Your fears will die and faith will be boosted to face and overcome all challenges.
6. God will warn you of impending problems or attacks of the enemy, by so doing, He delivers from traps the enemy has set for you.
7. God will share His thoughts and feelings about issues that he is concerned about, and commission you to carry out some assignments for Him as he deems fit.

HINDERANCES TO A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LORD

1. Ignorance to the importance of intimacy with God.
2. Lack of interest in God and His ways.
3. Wrong company – keeping company with the ungodly.
4. Lack of Bible study.
5. Prayerlessness.
6. Worldly mindedness.
7. Undecided on being close to God.

STEPS TO A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LORD

1. Make a decision to be close to God starting from now.
2. Commit yourself to actualizing your decision.
3. Be determined and refuse to be discouraged by the things you experience and the activity of the Devil against your life.
4. Commit yourself to having daily quality time with God.
5. Read and meditate on the scripture daily, and practice what you learn. Obedience to God increases God's blessings and deepens your relationship with God.
6. Live above sin – Do not allow sin to rule over you. Bring your flesh under control.