



A Guide on Getting to Know God
The Meaning and Importance of Knowing God
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Jesus said,

Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent (John 17:3).

What does it mean to “know God”? It means the same if I said I wanted to get to know you better. But when you know GOD, the incredible thing is then you know TRUTH, you know WISDOM, you know PEACE.

How many times have you been told or challenged to have “daily devotions” or a “daily quiet time”? Many have come to see this daily time as a duty. It has taken us into a legalistic attitude toward what should be a great privilege.

What are the many benefits that await you as you get to know God? Consider these verses:

Exodus 33:13: *If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you.*

Ephesians 3:16 – 19: I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Philippians 3:10: I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death

2 Timothy 1:12: That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.

Hopefully there's no doubt in your mind that knowing God is the most important thing any of us can do. And great benefits come as a result.

Who Can Know God?

1 Corinthians 2:10 – 14: These are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. ¹¹ For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. ¹³ This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words ¹⁴ The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.

When you're born again from above, you receive the Holy Spirit, and it is the Holy Spirit within you that teaches you about God. Without his Spirit, you can only know God in a very superficial way, not as your Father or Savior.

Keep in mind that it won't necessarily be easy to pursue a knowledge of God because we have an enemy who will do anything possible to keep us ignorant.

QUESTION: What kinds of things might our enemy do to keep us from getting to know God better?

To build any relationship, it takes:

- Desire
- Commitment
- Time
- Possible schedule changes
- Knowledge of how to communicate and develop that relationship

QUESTION: Which of these areas – or which others – do you think gives most Christians the most difficulty?

Jeremiah 29:13: You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

Psalms 42:1 – 2: As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?

I covenant with God:

That I will seek him with my whole heart. I recognize this will require a high level of commitment from me. I am prepared to make that commitment because I understand that knowing God is by far the most important thing I can ever do.

Signed _____

When is the best time to get to know God?

Psalms 90:14: Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

Psalms 5:3: In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.

Psalms 143:8: Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life.

Luke 6:12: One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God.

What is the best time of day for you – the time when you can concentrate the most easily, the time when you are the freshest, when your mind is clear? That's the time of day you should give to God because that's the firstfruits of your time.

Consider how much time you spend:

- Watching television or streaming movies
- On social media
- Reading other materials
- On yourself—grooming, relaxing, doing your thing, hobbies, games, sports, etc.
- Sleeping

QUESTION: Do you now have a designated time set aside on a daily basis to get to know God?

What time will you designate each day to get to know God?

