

HOW TO BE A FRIEND OF GOD

PART 2

Dear people of God,

We looked at some of the points of how to become a friend of God last week.

- **Waking up early in the morning and spending the best of the morning with Him.**
- **Being honest about our sins and claiming His love with repentance and forgiveness.**
- **Turning to Him with complete and unvarnished honesty.**
- **Turning to Him first for wisdom, counsel, solutions, and hearing what He would have you before you run to the telephone or drive around to your best friend for advice.**
- **I agreed it's a journey. Not something you can cultivate overnight to become Gods friend.**

Here are further three points you might want to consider:

- You need to love God and God must feel this love. How? Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and truth. **(I John 3:18)** .Try reaching out to God with genuine love and concern to please Him. E.g., Try loving others as yourself, express compassion instead of judging, walk the path of love according to the word and become the good Samaritan to strangers, become tender to the people hard to love with overtures and in prayer etc.- all these are actions that please God and tends to have Him reach out to us in delight and friendship/discipleship.

- In challenges and adversities, learn to praise Him no matter what, think with gratitude the wonderful things He has done for you. When you willfully walk without a walking stick and fall-don't shout at Him and blame Him. **(Philippians 1:12)** A grateful heart delights the Lord. When the whole world is complaining about everything and everyone – the Lord will love to be near the heart of His friend who loves him, thanks Him and is grateful to all that He has given and blessed Him with. Who knows that when He (God) has abstained from

answering a particular prayer that his /her God has a better plan or has something greater to bless him/her around the corner and not just then.

To believe that we have a perfect God who created us, transforms us and will only give the best for us (**Jeremiah 29:11**)

- God loves to bless and shower blessings on His people and extraordinary blessings for those who love Him, and on the ones, He calls His friend. (**2 Cor 9:7**). He wants His friend to have faith, trust Him and give joyfully and generously. Not just tithing but over and above, to other believers especially if they have a need, the poor and destitute, the widows and orphans and in overwhelming request to bless even those who our adversaries - Heavens outpouring is to those who have a heart to do this and please God. An attribute to become His friend.

The third and final part of How to become a friend of God will be next week.

Blessings for the week

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