

Getting to **KNOW** God

RULE 1: Spend time with Him

1. **Make a conscious commitment to daily quiet time for personal Bible study**
 - a. Pick a consistent time of day
 - b. Pick a good location
 - c. Good results come with time
2. **God, through the Holy Spirit, brings understanding to His Word**
 - a. Ask God to help you focus on His word and to open your heart
 - b. Read whole passages, stopping, re-reading and asking God questions
 - c. Sometimes understanding comes with time and maturity
 - d. Consider this as time you are spending alone with God, just talking and being with Him

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RULE 2: Try to view things from God's perspective

1. His ways are not our ways

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD. -- Isaiah 55:8

2. He rewards those who earnestly seek Him

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. – Hebrews 11:6

3. God's viewpoint is multi-generational

I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, ‘My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.’ - Isa 46:10

**God gives us the choice to follow Him and His ways
rather than our own ways each day**



RULE 3: God's God and you're not

1. Ponder His superiority to us
 - a. Job 38 - 42
 - b. Romans 9:6-29

2. Be careful not to judge God
 - a. Worrying about other people's salvation or eternal destiny
John 21:15-23
 - b. "I couldn't believe in a God who"
Genesis 18:20-26

3. God knows you better than you know yourself
 - a. In general, testing is His method to get you to see what's in your own heart
 - b. Be sure that you are not hiding any thoughts from God –
Psalm 139



RULE 4: God's love for us is incredible

1. "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."
-- John 15:13
2. Romans 8:38-39
3. Notice that love is a **choice**, an act of your **will**
 - a. He commands us to love Him – we are to **choose** to do this
4. Why does God love us? What part of us does He love?
 - a. How is man constructed? Body + Spirit = Living Soul ← Genesis 2:7
 - b. Soul = Mind + Will + Emotions ← our personhood, who we are

Remember: - God has created us with the ability to choose
- He has chosen to love us and desires that we choose to love Him
- He desires an intimate relationship with us



Growing your Relationship with God

1. Talk to Him often
2. Keep “short lists” with God
3. Remember that God knows you better than you know yourself
4. Take time to appreciate the many good things God has already done for you
5. Keep in mind the holy and awesome nature of God

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Final Thoughts

1. The only appropriate response to a God who loves us as much as He loves us is to love Him back
 - a. We show our love for Him through obedience to His word
 - b. When we stray, as soon as we realize it, we need to repent
2. The best life that we can have is the life that He has planned for us
3. Persevere – when we fail, seek forgiveness and try again.
Never give up

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