

You and Your God

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I. God loves you.

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God. (1John 3:1a)

II. God's love for you is great.

But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us (Ephesians 2:4)

- A. God is the only one with whom you can be completely open—because He truly knows you.

O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me. (Psalm 139:1)

- B. God is the only one who will always be with you.

Whither shall I go from thy spirit? Or whither shall I flee from thy presence? (Psalm 139:7)

And be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee. (Hebrews 13:5b)

III. God wants to be close to you.

Draw nigh to God and he will draw nigh to you. (James 4:8a)

How to draw close to God

1. Humble yourself before Him

The Lord is nigh unto them of a broken heart (Psalm 34:18)

2. Trust Him in everything

But it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord God (Psalm 73:28)

3. Keep His commandments

For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments (1John 5:3a)

4. Learn of Christ

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me (Matthew 11:29a)

5. Praise Him and rejoice always

Every day will I bless thee (Psalm 145:2a)

Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. (Philippians 4:4)