

How To Approach God

God is a King with a proper protocol that He has communicated to us in His Word (Bible). Blessed is the one who gladly connects with God (often) with the goal to be “one” in Jesus (who is “One” with Abba Father)

1. COME TO GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART:

(Jeremiah 29:13 NKJV) "13 And you will **seek Me** and find [Me], when you **search** for Me with all your **heart**."

(ARE YOU SINCERELY ABOUT HEAVEN?)

(Acts 17:26-27 NKJV) "26 "And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, 27 "so that they **should seek** the Lord, in the **hope** that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;"

(James 4:8 NKJV) "8 **Draw near** to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse [your] hands, [you] sinners; and purify [your] **hearts**, [you] double-minded."

(Romans 10:10 NKJV) "10 For with the **heart** one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

(Matthew 6:21 NKJV) "21 "For where your **treasure** is, there your **heart** will be also."

Not “HARDNESS OF HEART” ...like one criminal: (Hiding, Blaming, Distorting...)

(Luke 23:39-43 NKJV) "39 Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us."

2. HONORING GOD (ARE YOU SEEING GOD’S DESIGNS?)

40 But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation?"

(Matthew 10:32 NKJV) "32 "Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven."

1. HEART - SINCERE
2. HONORING GOD
3. HUMBLE
4. HUNGRY
5. HOPE

(1 Corinthians 10:31 NKJV) "31 Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."

3. HUMBLE...recognizing Jesus’ righteousness as a gift of life: (ARE YOU READY?)

41 "And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong."

(James 4:6 NKJV) "6 But **He gives** more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.""

4. HUNGRY...wanting more from God (ARE YOU HUNGRY?)

42 Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."

(Matthew 5:6 NKJV) "6 Blessed [are] those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For **they shall be filled**."

(Hebrews 4:16 NKJV) "16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of **grace**, that we may obtain mercy and **find grace** to help in time of need."

(2 Corinthians 1:20 NKJV) "20 For all the promises of God in Him [are] **Yes**, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us."

5. HEART ASSURED BY JESUS - HOPE (FAITH IN GOD’S POWER AND LOVE)

43 And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.""

(1 Corinthians 2:9-10 NKJV) "9 But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." 10 But God has revealed [them] to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God."

(2 Corinthians 1:21-22 NKJV) "21 Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us [is] God, 22 who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee."

(2 Corinthians 4:7 NKJV) "7 But we have **this treasure** in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the **power may be of God** and not of us."