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TREASURE HUNTERS: BECOMING FRIENDS WITH GOD

“HOW TO MAKE A GOOD FRIEND”

- **Start a conversation.** Find opportunities to talk to new people, and be prepared to share something small about yourself.
- **Show genuine interest.** Ask open-ended questions and listen actively to what others say.
- **Be authentic.** Stay true to yourself and be vulnerable when appropriate.
- **Share your personality.** As you get to know someone, share more about yourself. Google AI

I. How to Become Friends with God

*“For since **our friendship with God** was restored by the death of His Son while we were still His enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of His Son. So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because **our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God.**” Romans 5:10-11 (NLT)*

***Acquaintance vs Friend**

1. We've got to really WANT IT.

“You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart.” Jeremiah 29:13 (NIV)

2. SILENCE and SOLITUDE

“But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.” Matthew 6:6 (NKJ)

3. TALK and LISTEN

“When you pray, don't babble on and on as the Gentiles do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again.” Matthew 6:7 (NLT)

“Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NLT)

4. Trust God in our PAIN and in His SILENCE.

“The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; He rescues those whose spirits are crushed.” Psalm 34:18 (NLT)

“Pain insists upon being attended to. God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our consciences, but shouts in our pains. It is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world.” -C.S. Lewis

II. “Why Is God Silent Sometimes? (Why is a good parent silent sometimes? Depends on circumstances.)

❖ **Answer is on the way**

“At that time, I, Daniel, mourned for three weeks.... ‘Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them’.” Daniel 10:2&12 (NIV)

❖ **Sin**

“It's your sins that have cut you off from God. Because of your sins, He has turned away and will not listen anymore.” Isaiah 59:2 (NLT)

❖ **Already answered in the Scriptures**

“But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.” James 1:22 (NLT)

❖ **He wants us to lean in more to Him.**

“Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and He will give you everything you need.” Matthew 6:33 (NLT)

❖ **Our motives are not right.**

“And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure.” James 4:3 (NLT)

❖ **Timing**

“Ten days later the LORD gave His reply to Jeremiah.” Jeremiah 42:7 (NLT)

❖ **Other Reasons depending on circumstances**

Remember - Lean In...God wants the best for you and He wants to be your friend.