

Drawing Nearer To God James 4:7-10

Steps to drawing near to God:

1. Submit to God.

The first step in drawing near God is submitting to His ***will for your*** life.

2. Resist the devil.

A second step in drawing near to God is resisting the devil's schemes to ***draw you away*** from God.

Resisting the devil involves:

- o Understanding his ***nature*** and purpose
- o Understanding his ***tactics***
- o Understanding how to successfully ***resist*** him

3. God will draw near to you.

A third step in drawing near to God is knowing that ***He loves you*** and that he will draw near to you if you seek Him.

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me. (Revelation 3:20 NIV)

4. Purify your heart.

A fourth step in drawing near to God is having a ***single-minded*** heart of devotion to Him.

Who may ascend the hill of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false.
(Psalm 24:3-4 NIV)

5. Grieve, mourn and wail.

A fifth step in drawing near to God is experiencing ***grief*** over your ***sin***.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." (Matthew 5:4-5 NIV)

6. Humble yourself.

A sixth step in drawing near to God is a life of ***humility***

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:3-4 NIV)