



How do I Develop a Relationship with God?

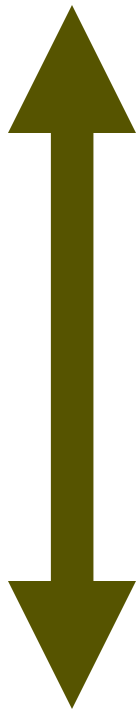
IV. Courtesy and Fellowship



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Next lesson:

Qualities of personal relationships that are deeper



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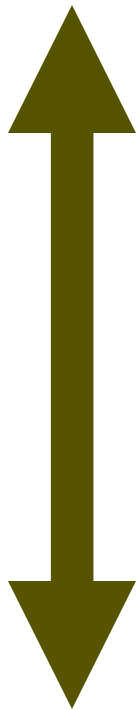
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Then:

Unique qualities of our
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Courtesy

Courteous: marked by respect for and consideration of others



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- Appreciation and respect – Deu. 10:12-13



Deuteronomy 10:12-13

"And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to **fear the LORD your God**, to walk in all His ways and **to love Him**, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, 13 and to keep the commandments of the LORD and His statutes which I command you today for your good?



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- Giving each other priority – Eph. 1:19-21



Ephesians 1:19-21

... according to the working of His mighty power 20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.



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What is More Important to God than Us?

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WHERE IS GOD ON YOUR PRIORITY LIST?



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Why Do You Avoid Sin?

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- **So that you can be close to God?**



James 4:8

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.
Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify
your hearts, you double-minded.



Malachi 3:13-15

"Your words have been harsh against Me," Says the LORD, Yet you say, 'What have we spoken against You?' 14 You have said, 'It is useless to serve God; What profit is it that we have kept His ordinance, And that we have walked as mourners Before the LORD of hosts? 15 So now we call the proud blessed, For those who do wickedness are raised up; They even tempt God and go free.' "



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Matthew 5:44-45

But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, 45 that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for **He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.**



Matthew 25:37-40

"Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? 38 When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? 39 Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' 40 And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, **inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.**'"



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Fellowship

1: companionship, company

2: community of interest, activity, feeling, or
experience



Fellowship (1 John 1:6-7)

- Sharing common interests
- Sharing common experiences
- Sharing common goals
- Time together



1 John 1:6-7

If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.



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- Sharing common interests



1 Peter 4:9-10

Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. 10 As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.



Matthew 5:16

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.



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“Draw Near to God”

- Courtesy and Fellowship
- The Body of Christ



“Come, For All Things are Ready”

- The Invitation (Luke 14:16-24)