



passages that

PUMP ME UP

HOW TO DEEPEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

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"Take the time and the trouble to keep yourself spiritually fit."

1 Timothy 4:7 (Ph)

Question: If there were a person you wanted to get to know better, what would you do?

Jesus: *"I have called you friends..."* John 15:15 (NRSV)

How to Get to Know God Better

TAKE TIME TO PRAY

"Base your happiness on your hope in Christ. When trials come, endure them patiently; steadfastly maintain the habit of prayer." Romans 12:12 (Ph)

Prayer is CONVERSATION WITH GOD, which includes

Speaking

"I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them."

1 Timothy 2:1 (NLT)

Silence

"Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10 (NRSV)

INVEST IN OTHER FOLLOWERS

"...what a [person] is really like is shown by the kind of friends [they] choose..."
Proverbs 27:19 (LB)

You become like the people you SPEND THE MOST TIME WITH.

"Let us think of one another and how we can encourage each other to love and do good deeds." Hebrews 10:24 (Ph)

"I want us to help each other with the faith we have. Your faith will help me, and my faith will help you." Romans 1:12 (NCV)

Be in relationship with a PAUL, a BARNABAS, and a TIMOTHY.

Join a SMALL GROUP.

MAKE A HABIT OF READING ABOUT GOD

"Through the Word we are put together and shaped up for the tasks God has for us." 2 Timothy 3:17 (Msg)

Bible

"There's more: God's Word warns us of danger and directs us to hidden treasure. Otherwise how will we find our way?"

Psalm 19:11 (MSG)

Books

By authors like C.S. Lewis, Evelyn Underhill, Henri Nouwen, Richard Rohr

ENGAGE IN ACTS OF SERVICE

"God has given you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other..." 1 Peter 4:10 (LB)

To serve God by serving others is called MINISTRY.

Jesus: *"Your attitude must be like my own, for I did not come to be served, but to serve..."* Matthew 20:28 (LB)

"In the unity of our common faith and common knowledge of the Son of God, we arrive at real maturity—that measure of development which is meant by 'the fullness of Christ.' We are not meant to remain as children...but to grow up in every way into Christ..." Ephesians 4:13-15 (Ph)