

How to begin a relationship with God

(scripture taken from the NIV)

1. Recognize that God loves you so much that He gave His Son to die on the cross for you.

“For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life

“I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me.”- Galatians 2:20

2. Repent of your sin. This means to admit to God you are a sinner, ask forgiveness of your sins and with His help, turn away from your sins.

“...but unless you repent, you too will all perish.” – Luke 13:3

“The kingdom God is near. Repent and believe the good news!”- Mark 1:15

3. Believe and Trust in Him as your Savior. This means that you accept God’s offer of love, mercy, and forgiveness. This means that you trust Jesus Christ as your only Savior. This means that you are free from struggling and trying to save yourself by your good works, baptism, confirmation, church membership or attendance, and that you rely on Jesus Christ alone for your salvation.

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!” – Romans 6:23

“For by grace you have been saved through faith-and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God- not by works, so that no one can boast.” Ephesians 2:8, 9

“Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.” John 1:12

4. Confess Christ. This means that you will not be ashamed to let others know that you are a Christian and have a relationship with God. When you trust in Christ, you should let someone else know about it.

“Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven.” Matthew 10:32

“That is you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:9

YOU CAN NOW BEGIN A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Simply share the following prayer with God in your own words:

Lord, I admit that I need you, I ask you to forgive and set me free from sin and death. I believe that Jesus died to provide forgiveness for my sins to restore my relationship with You, and to fill me with His joy. By faith, I invite Jesus Christ to come into my life as Savior and Lord. From this time on, help me to live in a loving, obedient relationship with you. Thank You, Lord!

If you prayed to the Lord and genuinely meant what you prayed, please share your decision with Pastor or someone else you know who trusts in Jesus. They would be thrilled to hear of your decision today!

A Faithful Christian– A Study in I Timothy

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It’s a Sick World

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I Timothy 6:2b-10

They E_____ an U_____ D_____ (verses 3-4a)

They R_____ A_____ with S_____ (verses 4b-5)

They P_____ with F_____ (verses 6-10)

Conclusion:

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever had food sickness? How did that affect you (no need to go into specific detail :)?
2. What were some of the ways these teachers in Ephesus were serving rotten spiritual food? Look at I Tim. 1:3-7 and 4:1-10.
3. What might be some rotten spiritual food today?
4. How is Paul's testimony in chapter 1:12-17 an example of good spiritual food? How would you summarize your testimony in one brief paragraph?
5. How does Paul describe those that enjoy friction and conflict in the church? Look at verse 5. Why do you think he describes them that way?
6. What was the downward progression Paul used to describe those "who desire to be rich"? How might that play out in a person's life today?
7. How is godliness with contentment great gain?
8. Read Proverbs 16:16-25. How might that passage relate to the three areas discussed in I Timothy 6:2b-10?
9. Share any other thoughts, questions, or comments you might have.

I Timothy 6:2b-10 ESV

Teach and urge these things. ³If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, ⁴he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions, ⁵and constant friction among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain. ⁶But godliness with contentment is great gain, ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, and ^cwe cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. ⁹But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.