

## 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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How to snare a church leader

I Timothy 3:1-13

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## I Timothy 3:1-13 ESV

**1**The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task.

**2**Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, **3**not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. **4**He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, **5**for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? **6**He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. **7**Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

**8**Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. **9**They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. **10**And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. **11**Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. **12**Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. **13**For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.