**Position yourself to hear from GOD**

The **6 P’s for Getting Closer to God**:

1. **Prayer** – Regular, heartfelt communication with God strengthens your relationship with Him. Pray with sincerity, thanksgiving, and faith, knowing He hears you. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)
2. **Praise** – Worship and gratitude bring you into God's presence. Whether through song, spoken words, or a thankful heart, praise shifts your focus to His goodness. (Psalm 100:4)
3. **Presence** – Spend intentional time in God’s presence by reading His Word, meditating on scripture, and listening for His voice. (James 4:8)
4. **Purity** – Living a life set apart for God by obeying His commands and seeking righteousness helps maintain a close connection with Him. (Matthew 5:8)
5. **Position Yourself** – Align your heart, mind, and actions to be in the right place to hear from God. Surround yourself with His Word, Godly influences, and a life of obedience. (Proverbs 3:5-6)
6. **Perseverance** – Stay committed in your walk with God, even through trials and challenges, trusting in His faithfulness. (Hebrews 10:23)

**Getting Closer to God**

**“Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.” – James 4:8 (NKJV)**

We all desire a deeper relationship with God, but sometimes, life’s distractions pull us away. How do we intentionally draw near to Him? Let’s explore six key ways to grow closer to our Heavenly Father.

**1. Prayer – Your Lifeline to God**

Prayer is more than a ritual—it’s a conversation with God. Through prayer, we lay down our burdens, express our gratitude, and seek His wisdom. When we pray consistently, our faith deepens, and our connection to Him strengthens.

📖 *“Pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NKJV)*

**Challenge:** Set aside dedicated time for prayer each day, even if it’s just a few minutes. Talk to God like a close friend—He’s always listening!

**2. Praise – Enter His Presence with Thanksgiving**

Worship isn’t just for Sunday mornings. When we praise God, whether through music, words, or a grateful heart, we shift our focus from our problems to His power. Praise invites His presence into our lives. (Amen!)

📖 *“Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.” – Psalm 100:4 (NKJV)*

**Challenge:** Start and end your day with praise. Thank God for at least three things daily!

**3. Presence – Be Still and Know**

Life gets busy, but if we don’t spend time in God’s presence, we drift. Reading His Word, meditating on scripture, and simply sitting in silence before Him helps us hear His voice.

📖 *“Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.” – James 4:8 (NKJV)*

**Challenge:** Read a passage of scripture today and reflect on how God is speaking to you through it. (Like Psalm 23)

**4. Purity – Living a Life Set Apart**

A closer relationship with God requires a heart committed to righteousness. Choosing to live according to His Word, avoiding sin, and seeking holiness helps us remain in His presence.

📖 *“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.” – Matthew 5:8 (NKJV)*

**Challenge:** Ask God to reveal anything in your life that may be creating distance between you and Him. Surrender it to Him.

**5. Position Yourself – Align with God’s Will**

If you want to hear from God, you must position yourself where He speaks. This means surrounding yourself with His Word, Godly influences, and making choices that align with His plan.

📖 *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.” – Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV)*

**Challenge:** Evaluate your environment. Are you placing yourself in situations that help or hinder your walk with God? Make adjustments as needed.

**6. Perseverance – Keep Pressing On**

Faith isn’t about perfection; it’s about persistence. Trials will come, but when we stand firm, trusting in God’s promises, He strengthens our faith.

📖 *“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.” – Hebrews 10:23 (NKJV)*

**Challenge:** When you face struggles, remind yourself of God’s faithfulness in the past. Write down one way He has answered your prayers before.

**Reflection Questions:**

1. Which of the six P’s do you need to focus on the most right now?
2. Have you been intentional about spending time in God’s presence? If not, what changes can you make?
3. Are there any distractions or obstacles keeping you from positioning yourself closer to God?
4. How has God shown His faithfulness in your life recently?
5. What is one action step you can take this week to grow closer to Him?

**Part 2 to Position Yourself to GOD**

**“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.” – John 10:27 (NKJV)**

Have you ever felt like God is silent, even when you’re desperately seeking Him? The truth is, God is always speaking, but we must be in the right position to hear Him clearly. Just like tuning a radio, we must adjust our hearts and minds to receive His voice. Here’s how you can position yourself to hear from God more clearly.

**1. Make Time for God Daily**

Life is busy, but if we don’t make intentional time for God, we risk drowning out His voice with the noise of the world. Setting aside quiet time for prayer, Bible reading, and worship creates space for God to speak.

📖 *“Be still, and know that I am God.” – Psalm 46:10 (NKJV)*

**Practical Step:** Start your day with at least 10 minutes of uninterrupted time with God. Put away distractions and focus on Him.

**2. Immerse Yourself in Scripture**

God speaks primarily through His Word. If we want to hear Him, we must be familiar with what He has already said in the Bible. The more we meditate on His Word, the more our spiritual ears will be tuned to His voice.

📖 *“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” – Psalm 119:105 (NKJV)*

**Practical Step:** Pick a passage of scripture and ask, “What is God saying to me through this?” Keep a journal of insights He reveals to you.

**3. Remove Distractions and Noise**

Sometimes, God’s voice is drowned out by the noise of life—social media, TV, constant busyness. If we never take time to unplug, we may miss what He is saying.

📖 *“And after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.” – 1 Kings 19:12 (NKJV)*

**Practical Step:** Set a specific time each day to step away from distractions. Use this time to pray, listen, and reflect on God’s presence.

**4. Position Your Heart in Obedience**

God often speaks when we are ready to obey. If we only listen to His Word but don’t apply it, we hinder our ability to hear Him more clearly. A heart positioned in obedience is a heart that is sensitive to His guidance.

📖 *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.” – James 1:22 (NKJV)*

**Practical Step:** Ask God, “Is there anything You have told me to do that I haven’t obeyed yet?” Then take action on what He has already revealed.

**5. Surround Yourself with Godly Voices**

Who we listen to affects our spiritual growth. Surrounding ourselves with wise, faith-filled believers helps sharpen our ability to discern God’s voice.

📖 *“Where there is no counsel, the people fall; but in the multitude of counselors there is safety.” – Proverbs 11:14 (NKJV)*

**Practical Step:** Connect with Godly mentors, join a Bible study group, or find accountability partners who encourage your faith.

**6. Be Willing to Wait on God**

Sometimes, God speaks immediately; other times, He requires us to wait. Just because you don’t hear Him right away doesn’t mean He isn’t working. Waiting on the Lord strengthens our faith and trust in His timing.

📖 *“Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart.” – Psalm 27:14 (NKJV)*

**Practical Step:** If you’re waiting for an answer, remain faithful in prayer, stay in the Word, and trust that God will speak at the right time.

**My Final Thoughts**

Hearing from God isn’t about striving; it’s about positioning yourself to receive. When we set aside time, remove distractions, stay rooted in Scripture, and live in obedience, we open our hearts to His leading. God is always speaking—are you ready to listen?

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