

- Challenge your **eating** and **exercising**.
“who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.”
 I Peter 2:24

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.”
 Romans 12:1

IV. **INVITE** PEOPLE TO CHURCH

“Then the master said to the servant, ‘Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.’”
 Luke 14:23

- Be **personal** in your approach.
“A man who has friends must himself be friendly, ...”
 Proverbs 18:24a
- Be **positive** in your presentation.
“I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go into the house of the LORD.’”
 Psalm 122:1
- Be **plentiful** in your contacts.
“But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.”
 II Corinthians 9:6

GROW IN PERSONALLY KNOWING GOD!

THE GOD QUESTIONS

Exploring Life’s Great Questions About God

How Can I Know God Personally?

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INTRODUCTION

A. We all have questions about God. The God Questions teaching series is designed to give you answers to your deepest questions about God. You will gain a better knowledge of God and a closer connection with Him.

“for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription:

TO THE UNKNOWN GOD.

Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you:
 Acts 17:23

B. There are many questions about God, however, there are seven major questions that pretty much everyone asks.

March 3	Is God Real?
March 10	Is The Bible God’s Word?
March 17	What Is God Like?
March 24	Why Does God Allow Suffering?
March 31	Did God Create The World?
Apr 7	Why Hasn’t God Answered My Prayers?
TODAY	How Can I Know God Personally?

These are tough questions and you will be given a Biblical answer.

TEXT: Philippians 3:10-11 (Pew Bible/Pg 1152/New Testament)

HOW CAN I KNOW GOD PERSONALLY?

The way you personally know God is through a **growing** relationship with Him.

- Spiritual growth is your **responsibility**.
- Spiritual growth has **seasons**.
- Spiritual growth is a **process**.

I. **RECEIVE** JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD AND SAVIOR

“And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.” I John 5:20

“14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

15 But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one.

16 For “who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?” But we have the mind of Christ.”

I Corinthians 2:14-16

II. **PRIORITIZE** YOUR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

“You shall have no other gods before Me.” Exodus 20:3

“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.” Matthew 6:33

“not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.” Hebrews 10:25

III. **CHALLENGE** YOUR SPIRITUAL ROUTINES

“but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...” II Peter 3:18a

- Challenge your **Bible study**.

“12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food.

13 For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe.

14 But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.”

Hebrews 5:12-14

- Challenge your **praying**.

“...Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.”

Psalms 81:10b

“He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.”

Proverbs 28:13

- Challenge your **giving**.

“... And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

Acts 20:35b

- Challenge your **servicing**.

“Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you...”

II Timothy 1:6a