

In A Relationship

What you do when you're in a relationship:	How can we do the same with God?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face-to-face communication – In-depth conversations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray to God. Confess your sins to him. • Mark 1:35 <i>"In the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went away to a secluded place, and was praying there".</i> • Genesis 19:27
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality Time – Make time for your partner. Plan dates and manage your time. Grow together not apart. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure you're having meaningful conversations and with time they will eventually become natural. • Fellowship with others. E.g. Prayer partners, Bible study. • Find out how best you like to spend quality time with God. • Pray without ceasing. Attune yourself to God's will by reading the word. • Plasm 1:1-2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be Spontaneous – Sometimes surprise your partner. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You don't always have to stick to routine. You can pray to God when you're on your way somewhere. E.G. work or school. • 1 Thessalonians 5:17 <i>"Pray without ceasing".</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be Vulnerable – Let the other person in, step outside of your comfort zone. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Step out of your comfort zone and discover/work on your talents, so that you can use them to honour God • Pour your heart out to God. Cast your burdens onto Jesus.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set Goals – Be intentional. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be intentional in your spiritual walk and progression with God. Plan what spiritual aspect of your life you want to focus on every week, month or year. Have a plan! • Be consistent. Give your all. • Hebrews 11:6 <i>"He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him".</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compromise – Sometimes you have to meet in the middle. Sacrifice for the greater good. Practice acceptance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Die to self. • Jeremiah 29:11 <i>"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Love – Acceptance, going the extra mile, forgiveness, intentional choice to have that person in your life above others. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define love from the Bible. Love God first commandment. No idols don't put other things first. • 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trust – Honesty, transparency, faith. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have faith that God will see you through hard times. Stand on his promises. • Isaiah 41:10 <i>“Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you”.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding – Self-reflection, empathise, have patience. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study the word from multiple points of view multiple translations reflect upon it. • Self-reflection. Learn the art of introspection.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect – Especially when you meet the family. Treat them well/how you would like to be treated. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don’t deny the Holy Spirit. • Keep yourself healthy body temple Holy Spirit. 1 Corinthians 6:19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loyalty & Commitment – Vow, choice, sticking to your word, no short cuts, staying loyal through the highs and the lows. Build wisdom. Know your reasons for commitment. Have a solid foundation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marriage sickness and in health but can be applied to other relationships. • Amos 3:3 <i>“Can two walk together, except they be agreed?”</i>