

Friendship with Jesus

Do you have a best friend? How did you develop the friendship?

Becoming Friends With Someone: My Five Secrets: (1) Listen to them. (2) Talk to Them. (3) Hang with their friends. (4) Try please them. (5) Tell others about them.

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. (John 15:13-15)

Are you friends With Jesus? What could you do to develop a friendship with Jesus?

I am going to share with you my five secrets to becoming friends with Jesus: (Here is a summary of this message) (1) Read His Word. The first way to grow your relationship with Jesus is to spend time reading what He has written to you. (2) Talk to Him. The second way to grow your relationship with Jesus is to talk to him – we call this prayer and it involves expressing your love to Him, confessing your sins, thanking Him and asking Him for help. (3) Hang With Believers. The third way to grow your relationship with Jesus is to spend time with God's friends at church. You need to develop a habit of meeting together regularly with other believers. (4) Obey His Teachings. The fourth way to grow your relationship with Jesus is to find out how you can please him and avoid things that he does not approve of. (5) Share His Story. The fifth way to grow your relationship with Jesus is to talk about your new relationship with your friends and family members.

1. Read His Word. The first way to grow your relationship with Jesus is to spend time reading what He has written to you.

Read the passage again and look for:

S = A Sin to Avoid?

P = A Promise to Claim?

E = An Example to Follow?

C = A Command to Obey?

K = A Knowledge to Gain?

Write something for each one.

2. Talk to Him. The second way to grow your relationship with Jesus is to talk to him – we call this prayer and it involves expressing your love to Him, confessing your sins, thanking Him and asking Him for help.

There are different ways to pray: Here is a method based on the prayer that Jesus used to teach his disciples to pray.

* Praise: "Our father in heaven, hallowed be your name."

* Request: "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread."

* Admit: "And forgive us our debts as we have also forgiven our debtors."

* Yield: "And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one."

Practise Praying: It is time for you to practise praying: Write a letter to God using the outline P.R.A.Y.S.:

* Praise: Thank and praise God for who he is, how great He is and how you love him.

* Request: Ask God to work in your life and through you to bring his kingdom to earth.

* Admit: Admit that you need God in your life and that you need his help to make disciples.

* Yield: Tell God that you surrender to Him and want to be used by Him to reach your friends.

3. Hang With Believers. The third way to grow your relationship with Jesus is to spend time with God's friends at church. You need to develop a habit of meeting together regularly with other believers

4. Obey His Teaching. The fourth way to grow your relationship with Jesus is to find out how you can please him and avoid things that he does not approve of.

If you claim to follow Jesus you have to make him Lord of your life. He wants to help you decide what to do and where to go - basically how to live your life.

You can experience his Lordship by asking yourself the question: What Would Jesus Do?

5. Share His Story. The fifth way to grow your relationship with Jesus is to talk about your new relationship with your friends and family members.

Here are the 6 words that help us understand the Gospel - each word stands for a letter of the word GOSPEL to help you remember the words: God Our Sins Paying Everyone Life. This is based on a great video called Life in 6 Words. Get it on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jyYFxp7apI4>

One more time, all together: God Our Sins Paying Everyone Life.

These six words actually stand for six sentences:

God created us to be with him.

Our sins separate us from God.

Sins cannot be removed by good deeds.

Paying the price for sin, Jesus died and rose again.

Everyone who trusts in Him alone has eternal life.

Life with Jesus starts now and lasts forever.

In summary, here are my five secrets for becoming friends with Jesus: (1) Read His Word. (2) Talk To Him. (3) Hang With Believers. (4) Obey His Teachings. (5) Share His Story.

Let's Pray