

Check List of 10 Ideas **For Deepening Your Relationship with God**

1. Thank God every morning for the blessing of a fresh, new day of life. Try it even before your feet hit the floor.
2. Begin your day by reading a devotional, even if its only a short one. Sarah Young's *Jesus Calling* "series" is great for this. Also check out Proverbs 31's *First Five App* that can pop into your inbox early each morning.
3. Simply sit quietly in God's presence. Praise Him. Listen. Absorb the realization that He loves you and will be beside you all day long. You can do this in the shower, driving to work, during lunch. Be creative in finding quiet moments alone with God.
4. Talk to God. Talk to Him just as you would talk to anyone you spend time with. Have a running conversation all day. You talk. Then you listen as He talks to you. Tell Him everything you think and feel. He cares about what you care about.
5. Spend time reading God's Word every day. Note it on your calendar if necessary. Fit it into your schedule where you can if you are new to daily Bible reading. The more you read, however, the more you will want to read! If you aren't sure where to begin, I suggest you start with Psalms or the Gospel of John.
6. Recite God's promises back to Him. He loves it when you pray through His Word, especially when you praise Him.
7. Make time during the week to dig deeper into Scripture. Find a Bible study class at a local church or online. Or start one for yourself. There are great Bible study resources available. Check out Proverbs 31 Ministry, Lifeway, or ChristianBook.com to begin.
8. Look for Christ in the people around you. Look in people's faces; they were created by God just as you were. Look for those being the hands and feet of Christ, helping others. Look for Him even in simple smiles and compliments.
9. Look for God in the natural world He created. Hear Him in the bird symphonies outside your window. Feel Him in the breeze blowing through the trees. See Him in the petals of a rose. He is all around you!
10. Be thankful. And tell God so. The more thankful we are, the more joy we feel!