

HOW TO POUR INTO MY RELATIONSHIP

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³⁷ Jesus replied, 'You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.
³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment.' Matthew 22:37-38

¹⁴ You are my friends if you obey me. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a master doesn't confide in his servants. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me."
John 15:14-15

12 WAYS TO POUR INTO MY RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

1. _____ TO HIM

¹ I love the Lord because He hears me and answers my prayer, because He bends down and listens. ² I will pray as long as I have breath." Psalm 116: 1-2

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray continually, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

How Often Do I Talk To God?

Never Rarely Occasionally Regularly Continually

2. _____ TO HIM

¹⁴ I am the good Shepherd and I know My own sheep and they know Me and they listen to My voice."
John 10:14

How Often Do I Give God Sustained, Quiet Focus In Order To Listen To Him?

Never Rarely Occasionally Regularly Continually

3. _____ TO HIM

⁷ Sing out your thanks to Him. Sing praises to our God." Psalm 147:7

¹⁸ Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, ¹⁹ singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts." Ephesians 5:18-19

How Often Do I Sing To God?

Never Rarely Occasionally Regularly Continually

4. _____ HIM

²³ Giving thanks is a sacrifice that truly honors me." Psalm 50:23

¹ Praise the LORD! Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever."
Psalm 106:1

How Often Do I Give Thanks To God?

Never Rarely Occasionally Regularly Continually

5. _____ **TO HIM**

²³ Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must put aside your selfish ambition, shoulder your cross daily, and follow me." Luke 9:23

¹ And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him." Romans 12:1

How Often Do I Make Myself Available To God?

Never Rarely Occasionally Regularly Continually

6. **READ** _____

"Study this Book of the Law continually. Meditate on it day and night so you may be sure to obey all that is written in it. Only then will you succeed." Joshua 1:8

How Often Do I Open My Bible And Read God's Word?

Never Rarely Occasionally Regularly Continually

7. _____ **WITH HIM**

"If a person is ashamed of me and my message in these adulterous and sinful days, I, the Son of Man, will be ashamed of that person when I return in the glory of my Father with the holy angels." Mark 8:38

How Often Do I Publicly Identify With Jesus?

Never Rarely Occasionally Regularly Continually

8. _____ **TO HIM**

⁷ Since you excel in so many ways—you have so much faith, such gifted speakers, such knowledge, such enthusiasm, and such love for us—now I want you to excel also in this gracious ministry of giving. ⁸ I am not saying you must do it, even though the other churches are eager to do it. This is one way to prove your love is real." 2 Corinthians 8: 7-8

¹⁷ If you help the poor, you are lending to the LORD—and he will repay you!" Proverbs 19:17

Which Word Best Describes How Often I Give To God?

Never Rarely Occasionally Regularly Continually

9. _____ **IN HIS NAME**

¹¹ Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically." Romans 12:11

⁴⁰ "And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'" Matthew 25:40

Which Word Best Describes How Often I Serve In Jesus' Name?

Never Rarely Occasionally Regularly Continually

10. _____ HIM

²³ Jesus replied, "All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will come and make our home with each of them." John 14:23

³ And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments. ⁴ If someone claims, "I know God," but doesn't obey God's commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. ⁵ But those who obey God's word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. ⁶ Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did." 1 John 2:3-6

Which Word Best Describes How Often I Chose Obedience To God Over Doing My Own Thing?

Never Rarely Occasionally Regularly Continually

11. _____ HIM

¹⁸ Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations,^[b] baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20

Which Word Best Describes How Often I Share The Good News Of Jesus Christ?

Never Rarely Occasionally Regularly Continually

12. _____ HIM

⁴ Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you your heart's desires." Psalm 37:4

²⁶ "If you want to be my disciple, you must, by comparison, hate everyone else—your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple." Luke 14:26

Which Word Best Describes How Much Of My Day I Am "Preferring" God?

Never Rarely Occasionally Regularly Continually

How Do You Pour Into Your Relationship With God?

Do You Regularly Do Those Things That Say, "I Love You God"?

What Might You Do Different This Week To Love God With All Your Heart, All Your Soul, All Your Mind, And All Your Strength?