

BECOMING A FRIEND OF GOD

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*“Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith.”
He was even called the friend of God.” (James 2:23, NLT)*

1. God’s Anger is not Malice.

“Then the LORD became angry with Moses.” (Exodus 4:14, NLT)

*“Anger is the fluid that love bleeds when it is cut.”
-C.S. Lewis, *Letters to Malcolm, Chiefly on Prayer**

“Don’t sin by letting anger control you.” (Ephesians 4:26, NLT)

2. God Showed His Friendship by Giving His Life for Me.

*“There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”
(John 15:13, NLT)*

*“Our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we
were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son.
...our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God.”
(Romans 5:10–11, NLT)*

3. God Shows His Friendship by Confiding in Me.

*“I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn’t confide in his slaves.
Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told
me.” (John 15:15, NLT)*

4. I Show My Friendship with God by Loving as Jesus Loved.

“This is my command: Love each other.” (John 15:17, NLT)

5. I Show My Friendship with God by Confiding in Him.

“You didn’t choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name.” (John 15:16, NLT)

GROWTHWORK

1. Make God Your Number One Friend!

“Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.” (Philippians 3:8, NLT)

2. Make Time To Be Still and Silent.

“Be still and know that I am God!” (Psalm 46:10, NLT)

3. Make Up Your Mind To Know God More Fully.

“I will continually long to know the wonders of Jesus more fully and to experience the overflowing power of his resurrection working in me.” (Philippians 1:10a, PT)