Keys To A Closer Walk

How To Come Near To God

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- (James 4:7-10 NIV) Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (8) Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. (9) Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. (10) Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.
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Come Near To God

• (James 4:8a NIV) Come near to God and he will come near to you.

• To Come Near To God = A Decision To Turn To God And Go In His Direction
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Drawing Close Is The First Step

• To Draw Close To God: Focus Solely On God

• As You Are Drawing Close To Him -- He Will Draw Close To You.
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Our Access To God

• Access To God Is An Awesome Thing That We Need To Appreciate And Enjoy

• (Matthew 27:50-51) And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. (51) At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

• Through Christ: There Is A New And A Living Way To Draw Near To God
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- Christ Provided A Way Through The Curtain By His Own Body

- (Heb 4:16 NIV) Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.
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• If We Want The Favor Of God We Must Come Near To Him

• We Can Never Expect His Best If We Choose To Be At A Distance From Him

• Many People Today Don’t Realize That The Distance That Exists Between Them And God Is Self-Imposed
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• “Access” = We Who Have Faith In Christ Have The Freedom And Right To Approach Our Heavenly Father With Confidence That We Will Be Accepted, Loved And Welcomed
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• Let Us Draw Near To Christ That We May Experience His Love And Power!!
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• **Drawing Near To God Is An Inner Desire Of All Of Us**

• **Intimacy Is:**

  1: Close Or Warm Friendship
  2: A Usually Secretive Or Illicit Relationship
  3: A Feeling Of Being Intimate -- Belonging Together
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1) Every Human Desires To Have Intimacy With God

2) Every Human Desires To Have Intimacy With Another Person

3) You Can’t Have Deep Intimacy With Another Person Without Having Intimacy With God
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- David Desired To Have Something More Than Just A Distant Relationship With God.
- He Was Burdened To Be Intimate With God
- He Wasn’t Satisfied Living Without God
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- **God Wants** From His People -- Hearts That Passionately Seek After Him

- He Is Looking For **Those Who Will Draw Close To Him** And Seek To Please Him
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• We Must Choose What Is Great Over That Which Is Good

• Good Things Can Rob Us Of The Greatest Thing A Relationship With God
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• In Order For Our Relationship With God To Be Prosperous, We Must Spend Quality Time With Him
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• Our Approach – How Do We Do It?

• Make The Move Towards God
  • Return To Church
  • Choose To Encounter God In Worship
  • Make A Public Declaration To Draw Near
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• God Is More Than Eager To Draw As Close To You As You Will Let Him

• What A Wonderful Invitation And What An Incredible Promise

• (James 4:8 NIV) **Come near to God and he will come near to you.**