

**Spiritual How-to's**  
**How to please the Lord**  
**Getting to Know Him More**  
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**Intro. Personal story – dating, marriage.** Spending time, couldn't get enough, longed to see him again, sad to be apart. Wanted to know him and allow myself to be known by him.

What **every human wants**: 1. To be seen as we really are 2. To be held by someone 3. to be known as we truly are (LifeCoach, 11.29.17)

Why? Because the eternal **God**, in whose image we are created, **put that longing in us**. It's the longing He has towards us. **He longs to be known by us, just as we long to be known.**

The cry from the depths of my spirit has been **I want to know you!**

I cannot stop singing and playing in my mind that song lyric - "I want to know you, every moment more and more. To stand in your presence and adore...."

**I. God desires to be known. His desire is for us to get to know Him. Let's dive into this...**

A. **Hosea 6:6** – "I want you to show love, not offer sacrifices. I want you to know me more than I want burnt offerings." NLT

1. "I am after love that lasts, not more religion. I want you to know God, not go to more prayer meetings." The Message paraphrase
2. "For I delight in loyalty rather than sacrifice, and the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings." NASB
3. "For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings." ESV

B. **Can you hear the longing of God's heart?** He wants us to get to know Him.

The ESV study bible says, this, "God wants real participation in the covenant..."

1. The same longing a fiancée has for their partner, the need to be with them
2. The sadness in being apart

C. **Word meanings** – Hos. 6:6

1. **desire** = 2654 = to be pleased with, to delight in, to take pleasure in
2. **steadfast love** = 2617 = kindness, goodness in abundance and mercy
3. **sacrifice** = 2077 = slaughter
4. **knowledge** = 1847 = knowing by experience, relationship, or encounter; knowledge, cunning, knowing good & evil. Prophetic knowledge, moral quality.
5. **God** = 430 = Elohim, Supreme God, Judge

D. Putting it together, we get this -**The Supreme God, desires and takes pleasure in allowing us to experience in relationship with Him an abundance of kindness, mercy, good and evil, and the revealing of prophetic knowledge and morals directly from His throne.**

II. No wonder the **bible is filled with calls for us to get to know Him** and grow in our knowledge of His ways. Exodus 33:13; Psa. 103:7; Jer. 24:7; 31:34;

A. Yet, there are those who do not know Him. John 1:10

B. Jesus said, His own know Him and He knows them. John 10:14

C. Paul says, "we will know Him and are fully known by Him." 1 Cor. 13:12

D. The truth is, if you love God, you are known by God. 1 Cor. 8:3

1. And you're on the road to growing in not just your knowledge of Him

2. But in your relationship, experience and encounters with Him

E. Paul said it best in Phil. 3:8,10 TPT

"To truly **know** Him, meant letting go of everything from my past...it's all on the garbage heap now...and regarded as manure now, so that I may be enriched in the reality of **knowing** Jesus Christ. And I continually long to **know** the wonders of Jesus more fully..."

1. There's that longing – to KNOW GOD MORE.

2. We must look more closely at what that means –

III. In the NT, the primary word used for knowing God, knowing Jesus is **G1097 = "ginosko"**, **Not the word "gnosis" which means the act of knowing.**

A. **Ginosko = "to learn to know, come to know, get to know – become known. To know, understand – have intimacy with."**

B. The act of knowing – **gnosis, will lead to an intimate encounter** with knowing God and being known by Him, "ginosko" – IF WE SEEK IT. IF WE SEEK HIM.

C. This is a lifelong journey, quest – to know Him more and more, better and better. Perhaps that's why Jesus said, "This is eternal life, that they know you..." Jn. 17:3

IV. **How do we get to know Him more and more? Just as you would anyone else... 4 tips**

**1. Spend time – talk often, share everything, hold nothing back, be vulnerable**

**2. Read all you can – learn all you can, be observant**

**3. Listen**

**4. Give your whole heart**

A. A loving, growing relationship with the Supreme God and Judge of the earth is possible in a personal, tender, and powerful way.

B. He has so much to share with us, to reveal to us, to say to us. Do we want Him?

C. We learn to open up to Him, knowing we are safe and loved and in loving acceptance, He grows us, changes, us and empowers us to live for Him

D. He looks forward to being with you, as you grow in getting to know Him more.