

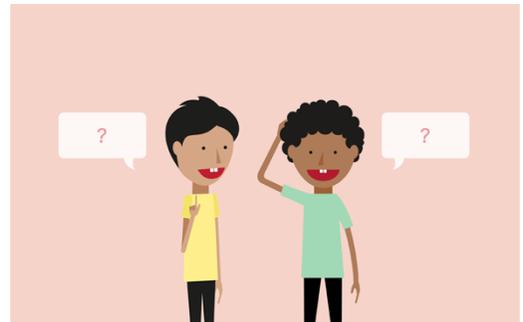
## How to **GUIDE OTHERS** to Cultivate a Deep and Thriving Relationship with God

Some disclaimers before we help guide others to cultivate a deep and thriving relationship with God:

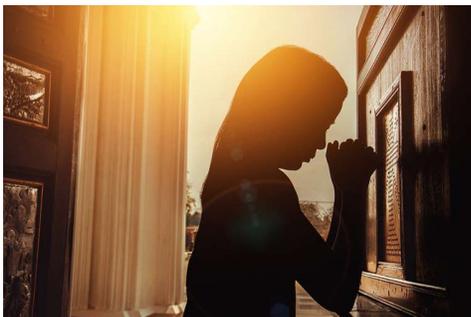
- 1. We are not their Saviour**, only Jesus Christ saves. Our role is simply to help another person journey closer to God.
- 2. We will not have all the answers** about God, life, and the world, but we can point them to the source where we can understand God, life and the world—the Bible!
- 3. We must constantly rely upon the Holy Spirit** to do the work behind the scenes in drawing the person into a deeper relationship with God. Our task is simply to be faithful in sharing God’s truth with the person and keep them in prayer.
- 4. Remember that spiritual growth is a process.** Just as humans grow from infancy to adulthood, every Christian—no matter their physical age—is gradually maturing as they earnestly seek God daily.

**Now, where to begin?** Below are some probing questions to get a better gauge on the person’s walk with God and areas where they may need guidance in their journey:

- What are some things that you want to give praise and thanksgivings to God for in your life?
- What area(s) in your life do you need God’s help with today?
- What is a need in your life that only God can meet?
- What have you been praying for lately?
- What do you sense the Holy Spirit is putting in your heart to do?
- What are some gifts that God has given you? How are you using it for His glory or how can you use it for God’s kingdom?
- What is one thing that you want to apply from God’s Word into your life?
- What are you possibly engaging in lately that you know is not pleasing to God?



Some of these questions may highlight some red flags going on in the person’s life. If there is **SIN** in them, we may need to lead them through a time of confession. Begin by reminding



them the truth in 1 John 1:9, “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” Then, have that person confess the sin to God in prayer, acknowledging that the Jesus’s death and resurrection has the power to take away all of our sins. After the sin is confessed, pray for the person and for God to bring healing into their life, as James 5:16 tells us, “Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.”

## What is OUR ROLE?

**ALWAYS seek to be a LISTENING EAR, an ENCOURAGER, and a PRAYER WARRIOR.**

As a **LISTENING EAR**, we are to listen to the person share their stories as they open their hearts towards us. We are often too quick to speak and very slow to listen. James 1:19 says, "Let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger."

As an **ENCOURAGER**, we are to encourage the person with God's truth, His promises, and His Word. Paul exhorts, "Encourage one another and build one another up" (1 Thessalonians 5:11). In all situations, "we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28).

As a **PRAYER WARRIOR**, we may not be able to solve all of the person's problems, but we could promise to take it to the One who can make a difference in their life. Paul writes, "Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people" (Ephesians 6:18).

**Above all else... LOVE the person!**



- Ephesians 4:1-3—"I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, **bearing with one another in love**, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."
- 1 Peter 4:8—"Above all, **keep loving one another earnestly**, since love covers a multitude of sins."
- Colossians 3:14—"And above all these **put on love**, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."

Lastly, please always keep this in the forefront of our mind:

To see the life of someone grow deeper  
in their walk with God is a **PRIVILEGE**, *never* a project.