

How to tell God you Love Him

Summary:

The essence of the Christian life can be summed up in 2 words 'love affair' – God loves us and we are to love Him back. For a number of reasons some of us can find it hard to express our love.... Here are a few of the ways we can show our love to God:

1. By singing to Him

The Bible teaches that it is good to sing to God (Psalm 127:7, Psalm 30:4 & Psalm 95:1). Music comes from the heart so even if you cannot sing – make a joyful noise. This is good on our own and together.

2. By talking to Him

Relationships do not stand still; they either grow or decay. Talking helps a relationship to grow. We know that God listens when we speak to Him (Psalm 116:1&2). We can talk to God about anything, any place any time. Prayer is not a duty that we have to do but a privilege we get to do.

3. By listening to Him

Listening is one of the greatest gifts you can give: it says you matter to me, I value what you say & you are important. We must slow down and let God speak to us: through His word, through trials we face, through other people and by the Holy Spirit. As His people we should know and listen to his voice (John 10:3 & 4).

4. By publicly identifying with Him

Matthew 5:14 & 15 gives examples of how we are to go public! If we are ashamed of Him now, then on 'that day' He will be ashamed of us (Mark 8:38). We show we love Him by taking the bread and the wine and also by being baptised!

5. By being committed to Him

Love is really all about commitment though we can too easily turn it into a convenience. Joshua led the people into making a commitment with God (Joshua 24:20-25). You can express your love by giving your life to Him, belonging to the church, growing spiritually, using your talents to help others and sharing the good news with others.

6. By giving to Him

We know the first generation of Christians were generous (Acts 4:32-35) God does not need our time or money but He wants us to be like Him – generous. Giving creates community, defeats materialism, strengths my faith, is an investment for eternity, blesses me in turn and makes me more like God!

Application:

Please select from the following questions and do not attempt them all. Encourage all to take part and to be real. It is good to make sure there is time to pray together.

1. What did God say to you on Sunday and what are you going to do as a result?
2. In what ways are you aware of God's love for you?
3. What do you most enjoy / find most difficult about singing?
4. Tell us about when and where you talk with God each day.
5. What helps you listen to God? What distracts you from hearing God?
6. Why do you get embarrassed about God? What helps give you courage?
7. Commitment costs. What has it cost you to love Jesus this last month?
8. If 1 is Scrooge and 10 is Jesus score yourself on how generous you are? In what ways would you like to change?