

Communicating with God

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I. Communicating with God is:

A. Communication with God should be two-way communication.

1. On-way communication between God and man. (Genesis 2:16-17)
2. Two-way communication between God and man. (Genesis 3:9-13)
3. God's desire for two-way communication. (Genesis 25:22)
4. Another way that God speaks to man. (Job 33:14-18, Berkley)

B. Today God speaks mainly through his Word.

1. Some say that God is a bad communicator, but this is not true.
2. God is a Master Communicator.
 - a) He has communicated all we need to know about His person and His activities.
 - b) He has communicated all we need to know to please Him in our lives and conduct.
3. God communicates through the written Word and it is very practical.

C. God has set up prayer as our method of talking to God.

1. We have a private line to God.
2. God can hear and respond to everyone's prayer at one time.

D. Communication through body language. (Genesis 3:10; Hebrews 11:4, 8; Luke 15)

1. One of the most effective ways that we communicate back to God is our actions, our response to His communication.
2. If you want to be kept in balance, be sure that your head, your heart, and your feet are kept in balance.

E. Practical tips for communicating with God in a 24 hour day.

1. Set aside the last 3-5 minutes of your day for steady concentration on the Word of God.
 - a) When you sleep it will keep you, when awake it will talk to you, when you go it will lead you. (Proverbs 6:22)

b) Whatever thought is uppermost when you drop off to sleep passes into the sub-conscious.

c) The only legitimate use of the sub-conscious mind is to have it occupied with the Word of God during the hours of sleep.

2. Rise early in the morning and read the Bible.

a) We need to **feed** on the Word of God to be healthy Christians (**hear** it taught and **read** it for ourselves).

b) We need to **study** the Word of God to be intelligent Christians.

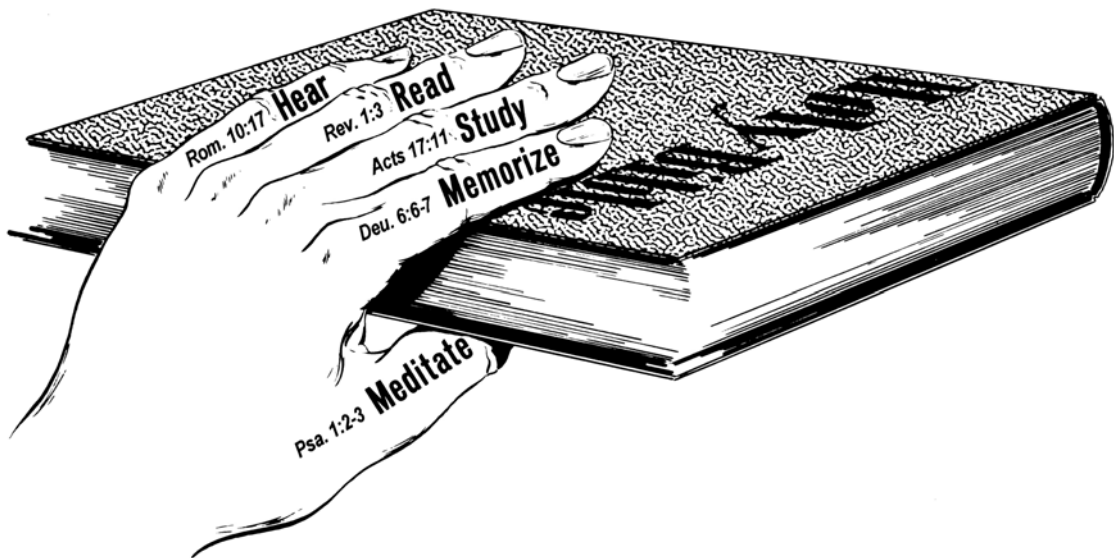
c) We need to **memorize** the Word of God to be skillful Christians.

c) We need to **meditate** in the Word to be fruitful Christians.

d) We need to **apply** the Word to be obedient Christians.

e) We need to **proclaim** the Word of God to be reproductive Christians

Word Hand Illustration



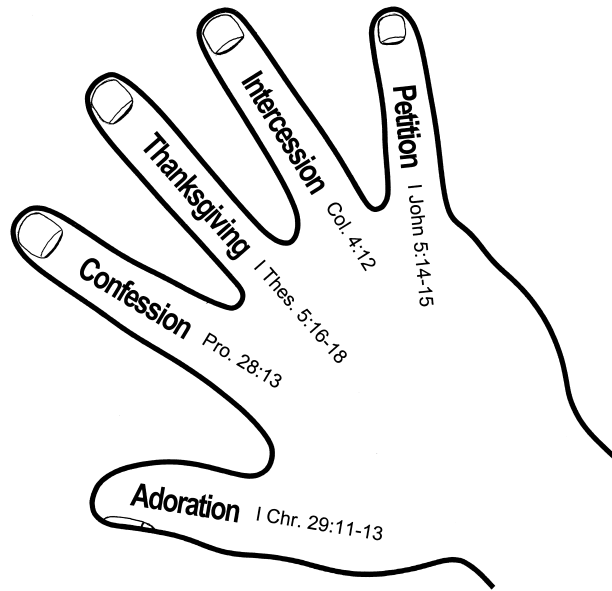
3. Three areas with which our hearts should be occupied.

a) Our first communication every morning to Him should be worship and adoration. (Psalm 104:1; Revelation 4:11; Psalm 145)

b) Occupy our hearts with praise and thanksgiving. (Psalm 100:4)

c) Occupy our hearts with our needs. (Philippians 4:6-8)

Prayer Hand Illustration



4. Through the will the soul chooses.

a) We are refreshed when we obey.

Psalm 37:3 _____

Proverbs 11:24 _____

II. Conclusion

A. There are no limitations with God.