



Connect with GOD

(Part I)





**Getting
Connected -
Our Mobile
Phones**



**How
to connect
with God?**

INTRODUCTION

**Every believer wants to connect
with God**

**We want to have assurance that
God hears us**

**We want to know how the Lord
speaks to us**

INTRODUCTION

We want to learn how to pray

**How to walk
with the Holy Spirit**

**How to be led by
the Holy Spirit**

**How do I know
if this is me or God**

**How do I discern
the various thoughts
and ideas in
my mind**

Guidance

Decision Making

1. Begin by acknowledging
the Lord.

Proverbs 3:6

In all your ways
acknowledge Him,
and He shall direct
your paths.



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**From the moment
you wake up to the time
you sleep**

**Before you eat
your breakfast, lunch,
dinner & supper**

**A set-time
devoted to the
Lord each day**

**Before making
major
decisions**

**Walking /
jogging /
exercising**

**Before, during and after
an important meeting**

**Waiting at the bus-stop,
on the MRT train**

1. Begin by acknowledging the Lord.

**As a discipline in all
daily routine activities**

**Conversation with
God is prayer**

Tell Him about it

**Request His Help
and Guidance**

**Commit, surrender
and leave it with Him!**

**Just pray! Just talk!
Just converse with God!**

Learn to pray all kinds of prayer

Ephesians 6:18

and pray in the Spirit

on all occasions with

all kinds of prayers

and requests ...



2 Greek Words for Prayer :-

a. PROSEUCHE :

This is pouring out the “burden” of whatever is within us to the Lord.

- Inside - Out

2 Greek Words for Prayer :-

b. DEESIS :

This is the appropriating –
receiving of the Grace of God in
heaven to us.

- Outside - In

2. Regularly feed on the Word of God

1 Peter 2:2 - 3

²as newborn babes, desire
the pure milk of the Word,
that you may grow thereby,
³if indeed you have tasted
that the Lord is gracious.



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Matthew 4:4

But He answered and said, “It is written,
‘Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that proceeds
from the mouth of God.’”

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Hebrews 5:14

But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

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1. READ
2. HEAR
3. STUDY
4. MEMORIZE
5. MEDITATE

2 Peter 1:3 - 4

³as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, ⁴by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

The Word of God gives us :-

A Handle

A Framework

Boundaries

**Within which we
make specific
decisions**



1 Corinthians 8, 10 & Romans 14 - Principles

- a. Is it permissible?
- b. Will it lead to peace?
- c. Will it build others up?
- d. Does it stumble others?
- e. Is it profitable?
- f. Is it constructive?
- g. Does it glorify God?



**The specifics and details of
the decision will then come :-**

as we walk and live by the Holy Spirit

**as we allow ourselves to be led by
the Spirit**

**as we become familiar with
the promptings and nudgings
from the Holy Spirit**

Our Conscience

- Our sense of right and wrong -
is then sensitized
as we walk in continual obedience
to the Holy Spirit / Word

Our Discernment/Perception/Sensing

- What is of God or Man or the Evil One
 - is then sharpened

As we continually test/measure
every situation with the Word and
the leading of the Holy Spirit

3. Take captive every Thought in obedience to Christ

2 Corinthians 10:5

casting down arguments
and every high thing that
exalts itself against

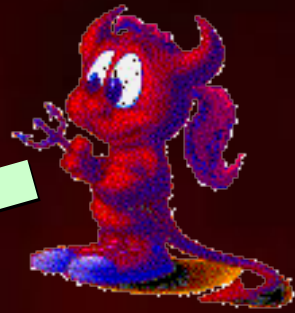
the knowledge of God, bringing every
thought into captivity to the obedience
of Christ



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Thoughts, Ideas,
Suggestions,
Proposals, Plans,
Decisions ...



3 Sources of all thoughts, ideas,
suggestions ...



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This means you bring the Word of God to weigh the thoughts and ideas

If it is in line with the Word : OK

If it is not in line with the Word : REJECT

Thoughts & Ideas from the evil one

Example 1 : Wrong Thoughts



Thoughts & Ideas from the evil one

If we receive and dwell on these thoughts from the evil one, they will gradually become a stronghold in our lives.

These strongholds will block out the Knowledge of God

STRONGHOLD - ARGUMENT & "HIGH THING"
2 CORINTHIANS 10:4 - 5



Thoughts & Ideas from the evil one

TAKE CAPTIVE EVERY THOUGHT
IN OBEDIENCE TO CHRIST
- 2 CORINTHIANS 10:5 -



Thoughts & Ideas from the evil one

Example 2 : Temptation to sin



Thoughts –
Suggestion : **Hmm ...**
Why not?

Thoughts –
Suggestion : **Hey !**
How about it?

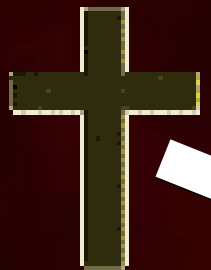


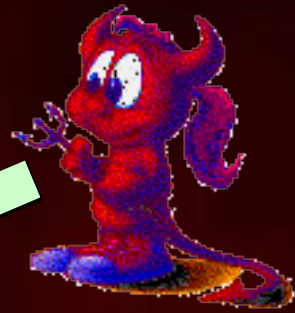
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Example 3 : Main Demonic Thought-Attacks

Pornography

- **Violence**
- **Traumatic & Painful Events**
- **Occultic**
- **Fears**

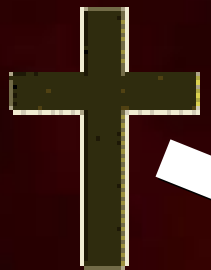

**Holy
Spirit**

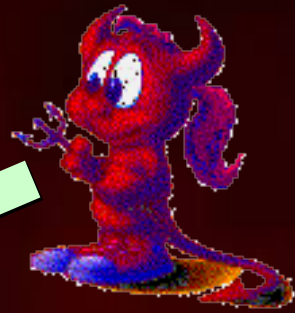




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but a Spirit of Power, of Love
And of Self-Discipline.**




Holy Spirit





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**The imagination of our hearts and minds
must be**

a. cleansed by the Blood of Christ.

2 Corinthians 7:1

**Therefore, having these promises, beloved,
let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness
of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness
in the fear of God.**

**The imagination of our hearts and minds
must be**

b. Replaced with the Word of God.

Thoughts & Ideas from the Holy Spirit



Truths of our Position in Christ

- I am **Deeply Loved**
- I am **Completely Forgiven**
- I am **Highly Favored**
- I am **Always Protected**
- I have **Wisdom**



CONCLUSION

John 10:27

**My sheep hear My voice,
and I know them,
and they follow Me.**

CONCLUSION

1 Corinthians 6:19

**Or do you not know that your body
is the temple of the Holy Spirit
who is in you, whom you have
from God, and you are not your own?**

CONCLUSION

**If the Holy Spirit is taken from
the local church,
90% of the activities will continue
with no difference !**

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