

“KEYS TO NEARNESS WITH GOD”

1. When was a time in your life when you (like Daniel) were driven to God in prayer. How did God respond?

2. What is significant about the timing of Daniels prayer, “at the time of the evening sacrifice”? About the time gap between Daniel’s request and God’s sending an answer? About the way that Gabriel describes Daniel?

3. What is the significance of dining next to someone in that culture? What does that tell us about how we are to relate with God?

4. What are the spiritual disciplines and why are they so key to experiencing nearness with God?

5. Which spiritual discipline is your strong suit? Which is your weakest? How can you make room for this discipline?

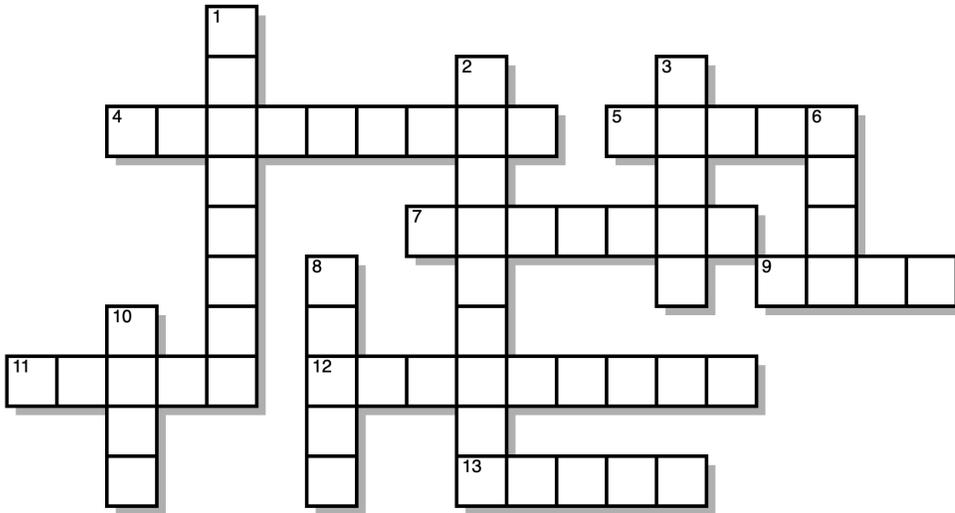
6. How does physical health (eating, exercise, etc.) affect our spiritual health?

7. What are some biblical pictures of yearning for God? What does it mean to make Him Lord? Why does God often seem drawn to those who are already seeking him?

8. What does it mean to “treasure these things in your heart”? What does Psalm 119:9-16 teach us about this?

9. What role does accountability play in the life of the Christian? How did it help Daniel? How could it help you?

10. If you were to rate you closeness with God on a scale of 1-10, what would the score be? How can you draw nearer to Him this week?



Down

- 1 Daniel had been pouring over the writings of this prophet.
- 2 "Mary _____ up all these things, pondering them in her heart." (Luke 2:19)
- 3 The angel tells Daniel that he is greatly _____.
- 6 This group of "wise men" of Medo-Persia were a high-priestly sect who were the king-makers of the ancient world.
- 8 "the most humble man to ever have walked this earth"
- 10 "I have stored up your _____ in my heart, that I might not sin against you." (Psalm 119:11)

Across

- 4 "All _____ is breathed out by God..." (2 Timothy 3:16)
- 5 "Abraham's _____" is an expression of the Talmud for the state of bliss after death. It also means to sit next to and enjoy felicity with Abraham.
- 7 This was the name of the angel who came to Daniel.
- 9 Daniel is praying for the holy _____ of his God.
- 11 This man "walked with God, and he was not, for God took him."
- 12 Daniel is praying during the time of the evening _____.
- 13 "a man after God's own heart"



WORD SEARCH:

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| Daniel | Open |
| Prayer | Eyes |
| Calamity | City |
| Jerusalem | Called |
| Speaking | Passover |
| Confessing | Vision |
| Prophets | Mercy |
| Righteousness | Understand |
| Shame | Bible |
| Sinned | Prayer |
| Judah | Memorization |
| Israel | Fasting |
| Forgiveness | Exercise |
| Listen | Outreach |
| Shine | Accountability |
| Incline | Heart |

