

## Living a Relationship

*I want to know Christ.* (Philippians 3:10, NIV)

Being a Christian is not living a set of rules.  
It is living a relationship.

It's like a marriage.

What God wants most from us is to

*love the Lord your God with all your heart . . . soul . . . mind and . . . strength*  
(Mark 12:30).

I've learned that when my wife wants something –  
when she's irritable or withdrawn –  
what she usually wants is *me*.  
She wants to share with me.  
She wants us to truly be together for a while.

Jesus is the same.

When He wants something from me,  
He wants me.

Not some great work of service –  
me.

He wants me to turn to Him.  
He wants to live that moment,  
every moment,  
in relationship with me.

He wants us to walk together  
day-by-day,  
step-by-step.

*God is not a set of rules  
but a person.  
He Himself is the only source of  
all that He wants for us, of  
all holiness, love, and goodness.  
So His primary goal for us is  
always only  
relationship with Himself.*

Hymn: [Day by Day in You, Our Lord](#)

