

Honest with God

We humans spend much of our time and effort trying to present
a more acceptable, more attractive image to others.
The version of ourselves that we give to most people around us is
sanitized and
highly edited.
We instinctively hold them at arm's length from the real "us".
We do it without even realizing it.

Don't treat God that way!
When you pray, don't show Him a false face.
Always show Him the real you.

The truth is,
God knows you
completely and
constantly,
from the inside out.
He knows you beneath any
fear,
hiding, and
pretense.
His knowledge of you and
His care for you are
intimate and
inescapable.

Break the habit of hiding any part of yourself from God.
He knows you!
He makes His home in your innermost being,
beneath your words and half-formed thoughts.
Don't waste your effort by hiding.
You will only succeed in clouding your relationship with Him.

Honor Him with honesty.
Keep your words to Him
simple,
open, and
trusting.
When you're worried, tell Him.
Lay it out before Him.
When you need guidance, ask for His wisdom.

He offers it freely.
When you're wrong,
repent, and
turn away from your sin.
When things go well,
thank Him and give Him all the glory.

Instead of hiding from His all-seeing eye,
seek it!
Ask Him to examine you,
inside and out.

*Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.
See if is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.*

(Psalm 139:23-24, NIV)

Hymn: [Always in You](#)

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