

## A More Excellent Way

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### Introduction

1. 1 Corinthians 12:31
2. The context is spiritual gifts, the next chapter deals with love, love deals with relationships
3. If we have a correct personal relationship with God our religion will be an everyday religion Luke 9:23
4. Let us take note of our relationship with God

### II Discussion

1. Our relationship with God
  - a. It is with the Father and the Son John 15:4-17
  - b. With God the Father Romans 8:14-16; 2 Corinthians 6:17-18
  - c. With the Son Romans 8:17; John 14:15; 15:14
  - d. It is with both of them Matthew 11:27-30
2. This relationship is based on faith Hebrews 11:6
  - a. It is also based on love John 14:15
  - b. Faith is based on hearing Romans 10:17
  - c. This is the importance of spending time in God's Word
3. In this relationship we have problems
  - a. The problem is with us Isaiah 59:1-2
  - b. The devil wants us on his side James 1:2-15; Matthew 4:4-11
  - c. Yet there is no outside force that can separate us from the love of God Romans 8:31-39
  - d. How we handle the problems leads us to spiritual maturity
4. The rewards of having this relationship with God
  - a. Our abode is with the Father and the Son John 15
  - b. We are friends with the Son John 15:14
  - c. We have a mansion John 14:1-3
  - d. We have a crown of life James 1:21; Revelation 2:10

### III Conclusion

1. What is your relationship with God like?
2. Is it superficial or is it rooted and grounded Colossians 1:23
3. Changes need to be made and now is the time to make those changes
4. If you need to respond to the invitation to begin a relationship with God come now
5. If you have the relationship but have neglected it then come back now

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