

ROMANS 12:2

Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

TITLE:

GET CLOSER TO GOD!

The further I get away from God, the more trouble I'm going to have in my life. On the other hand, the closer I get to God, the more my life is going to be transformed.

TEXT:

LUKE 15:11-24 NLT

1. GET FED UP WITH MY LIFE

JEREMIAH 29:13

Message

GOD: “You’ll find me when you get serious about finding me and want it more than anything else.”

2. OWN UP TO MY SIN

LUKE 15:17-18

When he came to his senses, he said... “I have sinned against God and you...”

ISAIAH 59:2

Your sins have separated you from
your God, and
have hidden His face from you...

PSALM 51:1-4

Today's English Version

Be merciful to me, O God, because of Your constant love. Because of Your great mercy wipe away my sins! Wash away all my evil and make me clean! I recognize my faults and I am conscious that I've sinned against You.

ISAIAH 1:18

New Living Translation

The Lord says, “No matter how deep
the stain of
your sins, I can remove it. I can make
you as clean as
freshly fallen snow.”

2 CORINTHIANS 13:5

Message

Test yourself to make sure you're solid in the faith. Don't drift along taking everything for granted. Give yourself regular checkups. If you fail the test, do something about it!

3. OFFER UP MYSELF

ROMANS 12:1-2

New International Version

Because God is merciful to you, offer yourselves as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - this is your spiritual act of worship. And do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

LUKE 15:20, 22

Filled with love and compassion,
he ran out to his
son, threw his arms around him,
and kissed him!...
Bring the best...

4. LIFT UP MY PRAISE

LUKE 15:23-24

We're going to celebrate with a feast of eating and drinking... He was lost but now he's found! So the party begins!

PSALM 68:4

English Standard Version

Sing to God, sing praises to His name; lift up a song to Him... His name is the Lord!

PRAYER