

Ways We Draw Near to God

Record your total scores from the grid below. Your highest scores identify the primary ways you naturally connect with God.

1. ____ **Relational:** Relationships, meaningful conversation, community, and sharing life with others.
2. ____ **Intellectual:** Learning, discovering truth, and growing in your understanding of God.
3. ____ **Worship:** Expressions of praise, celebration, and adoration.
4. ____ **Activist:** Taking action for God's purposes and standing for what is good, right, and just.
5. ____ **Contemplative:** Prayer, reflection, stillness, and undistracted time with God.
6. ____ **Serving:** Helping others, meeting needs, and making a tangible difference.
7. ____ **Creation:** Spending time in the beauty, wonder, and majesty of God's created world.

GREEK: ἐγγίζω

ENGIZO

SPIRITUAL ASSESSMENT

This assessment helps you identify the ways you naturally connect with God.

- Read and respond to each statement inside according to the following scale:

3 = Consistently true of me

2 = Often true of me

1 = Sometimes true of me

0 = Never true of me

- Record your ranking (3, 2, 1, 0) for each statement in the grid.
- Add up each column. The highest total identifies your preferred way to connect with God, followed by your secondary, etc.

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Rank each statement:

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1. When I am alone too much, I tend to lose energy or get a little depressed.
2. In a church service, I most look forward to the teaching.
3. I feel close to God when I gather with other believers for worship.
4. No matter how tired I get, I usually come alive when a challenge comes my way.
5. Spiritual reality sometimes feels more real to me than the physical world.
6. People around me sometimes tell me they admire my compassion.
7. When faced with a difficult decision, I am drawn to walk in the woods, on the beach, or in some other outdoor setting.
8. I experience God tangibly in community with a few others.
9. People seek me out when they need answers to biblical questions.
10. When I get overwhelmed, nothing gets me back on track like a worship service.
11. People around me know how passionate I feel about the causes I'm involved in.
12. I experience peace when I am in a quiet place, free from distractions.
13. Helping others is easy for me, even when I have problems.
14. God is so real when I'm in a beautiful, natural setting.
15. I don't relate to why people have a hard time revealing personal things about themselves.
16. I get excited by opportunities to study the Bible in depth rather than surface-level reading.
17. Even when I'm tired, I look forward to going to a church service.
18. I sense God's presence most when I'm actively helping others.
19. My family and friends sometimes tease me about keeping to myself.
20. I love being able to serve behind the scenes, out of the spotlight.
21. Things in nature often teach me valuable lessons about God.
22. People around me describe me as a people person.

23. When I need to be refreshed, a stimulating book is just the thing.
24. I like how all the world's problems – including mine – seem unimportant when I'm praising God at church.
25. I get tremendous satisfaction from seeing people working together to achieve a goal.
26. When I face a difficulty, being alone feels most helpful.
27. Even when I'm tired, I find I have the energy to care for people.
28. Others know that if I'm not around, I'm most likely outside.
29. When I'm tired, there's nothing better than going out with friends to refresh me.
30. I get excited when theological truth is clearly explained.
31. I am happiest when I praise God together with others.
32. I get frustrated with people's apathy in the face of injustice.
33. Sometimes I spend too much time thinking about negative things.
34. If I notice details that haven't been attended to, I feel compelled to take care of them.
35. When I see natural beauty, something wonderful stirs in me that is difficult to describe.

ADD EACH COLUMN & RECORD YOUR TOTALS ON THE BACK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	32	33	34	35
Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7