

How to Get Closer to God While in the University in Nigeria as a Student | 7hubent Tech

Let me start by telling you the honest truth—being in university can be like navigating a market square during harmattan with no shoes on. It's loud, chaotic, and sometimes painful, but it's where life happens. Between all the ASUU strikes, managing lecturers who act like they're doing you a favor, and dealing with roomies who think NEPA bills are a myth, it's easy to lose focus. But wait, what if I told you that your time in the university could be the best season to grow closer to God?

Trust me, I'm not speaking as someone who had it all figured out back then. In fact, I had my own phase of "jacking" for exams till I forgot to jack my Bible. You know, we students often think that just because we attend fellowship every now and then, we're spiritually covered. But e no be so. God wants more than those ten minutes of quiet time that end up becoming sleeping time. So, how can you get closer to God while managing the rollercoaster that is Nigerian university life? Let me gist you.

1. Create Time for Personal Devotion (Don't Wait for Sundays)

Here's the secret: you can't rely on Sunday service alone. If you're waiting till then to hear from God, you go wait tire. Whether you're studying architecture at FUTA or Mass Comm at Unilag, you've got to be intentional. My guy, set that alarm. Even if it's just 15 minutes every morning before your roommates wake up and start blaring Burna Boy, that time spent with God will shape your day.

Scripture Reference:

- James 4:8: "Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you."**
- Matthew 6:33: "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."**

2. Surround Yourself with Like-Minded Friends

Now, this one is tricky, I won't lie. You enter university, and before you know it, you're surrounded by people with different beliefs, lifestyles, and motivations. Some are there to read their books, others are there to "ball till they fall," and some are just "jaye jaye" experts. The truth is, if your close circle isn't pushing you closer to God, they're probably dragging you away.

When I was in university, I had this friend, Chukwuma. The guy loved God die! Anytime I was slacking in my walk with God, Chukwuma would

remind me, "Omo, no dey fall my hand o, how far your quiet time?" That one question always set me straight. Look for your own Chukwuma, a friend who will push you towards God when the world is pulling you away.

Scripture Reference:

- Proverbs 13:20: "He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm."
- 1 Corinthians 15:33: "Do not be misled: 'Bad company corrupts good character.'"

3. Fellowship with Others (But Don't Be Religious About It)

Ah, fellowships! If you've attended any university in Nigeria, you know that campus fellowship is where you meet a mix of everyone. Some people are genuinely seeking God, and some are there to "mark attendance." But let me tell you something—fellowship isn't just about showing face. It's about genuinely connecting with others who are on the same spiritual journey as you. Join a group where you can be real, share your struggles, and learn from others.

When I joined my campus fellowship, I didn't immediately feel like I belonged. In fact, I almost gave up after the first month. But then I started to participate in smaller prayer groups, Bible studies,

and those all-night vigil meetings where we'd pray for hours until our voices disappeared. That's where I experienced true spiritual growth. So, don't just go and sit at the back. Get involved!

4. Develop a Prayer Life (Not Just Exam Prayer O)
See, I know you're guilty of this—waiting until exam week before you turn into a prayer warrior. You'd think you're in a 7-day revival the way you'll be speaking in tongues just to pass that 3-unit course. But God is not a vending machine, and our relationship with Him shouldn't be transactional.

Take time to talk to God every day. Tell Him about that lecturer who keeps threatening you with carryovers, your dreams, and even your fears. Make it a conversation, not a monologue. God listens, and He responds, even in the chaos of university life.

5. Join Online Christian Communities
Now, I know you might be wondering, "But what about when I'm not on campus?" Here's where technology comes in. Join online Christian groups where you can receive daily inspiration, messages, and prayers. And, no jokes, this is where I plug in 7hubent Tech, the best WhatsApp TV for all things faith and inspiration. You can get connected to other students across Nigeria who are also trying to balance faith and academics. Imagine waking up to

motivational devotionals and engaging conversations that keep you grounded spiritually. Plus, it's a platform for advertising your hustle too if you're running any small business on the side. Win-win!

FAQ Answer:

Q: Can I really balance my faith with the stress of university?

A: Absolutely! It's all about priorities and creating a routine. Start small, and with time, it becomes second nature. Remember, God is not calling you to be perfect, just consistent.

6. Trust God with Your Academics (He's Not Ignoring Your CGPA)

Look, I get it. Nigerian universities can make you feel like your brain is under siege. Lecturers that don't show up but still demand assignments, group projects where you end up doing all the work, and let's not even talk about ASUU strikes that stretch your 4-year course into 6 years. It's easy to feel overwhelmed.

But guess what? God sees all of that. In fact, He's more concerned about your academic success than you are. Yes, it's true! So, as you study, ask God for wisdom and grace. If Solomon could ask for wisdom, why can't you?

Scripture Reference:

- Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

- Philippians 4:6-7: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

Conclusion: Share Your Journey!

So here's the thing: your university years are a unique opportunity to deepen your relationship with God. Don't wait until "life slows down" (spoiler: it never does). Start now, and before you know it, you'll look back and realize how much you've grown.

Let me leave you with this: Don't be shy to share your own faith journey with others. You never know whose life you might impact. And while you're at it, tell your friends about 7hubent Tech, where they can find Christian communities, advertise their small businesses for free, and learn tips on balancing life, faith, and hustling in Nigeria.

Your Turn!

Have you experienced any challenges in your faith while in university? Or do you have tips on how to balance spirituality and academics? Share your thoughts in the comments or join the conversation on 7hubent Tech's WhatsApp TV!