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1. Give honour and _____ to God.

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V. 2

a. Invite God into the _____.

Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering.

Romans 12:1 MSG

b. Cultivate _____.

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

2. Recognize God's _____.

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V. 3

a. There is _____ to ask.

So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.

Hebrews 4:16

b. _____ on God.

God in dependable love shows up on time.

Psalm 59:1 MSG

3. Embrace the _____ of forgiveness.

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V. 4a

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John 3:16

b. Forgiven people _____ others.

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Ephesians 4:32

4. Follow God's _____.

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V. 4b

a. He is _____.

And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear.

1 Corinthians 10:13

b. He is _____.

If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!

Luke 11:13

5. Be _____!

I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

Luke 11:8

a. Ask in _____.

So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

Luke 11:9

b. Believe in the God of the _____!

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