

Habit 1
STRENGTHEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP

It's all about your relationship.

Let's start at the very beginning. In order to have an effective choir, each member must have a meaningful personal relationship with Jesus Christ. This involves more than just church attendance or being an active church member. Sure, church attendance and membership are very important. They are essential to your growth and development as a Christian. However, a personal relationship is even more significant. Without it, you would be just like a fish out of water. How long can a fish survive out of water? Not very long. And even if he survives for a brief period of time, he certainly won't thrive out of water!

This personal relationship is between you and Jesus. Just the two of you sharing with one another. Getting to know one another. You talking to him (praying) and him talking to you (bible reading). Not just learning *about* each other but *learning* each other. As you make a habit of sharing together, you'll begin to take on some of his characteristics. You will begin to act like him. As you begin to abide in him and he abides in you, you'll begin to take on the mind of Christ. That's how you become Christ-like which is what the term "Christian" is really all about.

The choir is charged with communicating the message of