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“But if from thence thou shalt seek the Lord thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.”

Deuteronomy 4:29

“Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord. Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his face continually.”

I Chron. 16:10-11

“Seek the Lord God”: to desperately desire, and to seek with all your heart, a deeper relationship with God, as well as a deeper and greater commitment to His purposes.

James tells us that a double-minded person is unstable in all his ways (James 1:8). When “seeking God” we dare not be “double-minded” – thinking we can pursue what is important to God while pursuing the things of the world. This will lead to spiritual instability, lack of joy and peace, and overall misery.

Instead, we must:

1. **Pull away from evil influences and commit our lives to purity and holiness.**
2. **Put all our *passion* into a relationship with God.**
3. **Be totally devoted to God through prayer and study of His Word.**
4. **Commit ourselves firmly to God’s plan for our lives.**
5. **Rely on God** to help us carry out this purpose. (We cannot run our own lives successfully, no matter how hard we try!)
6. **Have a deep desire to experience God’s Presence.**
7. **Sincerely desire to live according to God’s boundaries and bring pleasure to Him** – instead of doing those things that offend Him.
8. **Meditate on God *continually*** – keeping an attitude of prayer & devotion.

As we **“truly seek God”** a chain reaction begins. James 4:8 states that *if we draw near to God He will draw near to us*. That is a fact – a ***promise!!!*** He states further that we are to **“cleanse our hands, purify our hearts, and not be double-minded**. Then, we will begin to:

- a. **Experience God’s peace** in our lives. (We all have a God-shaped “hole” that can **only** be filled by God. **Nothing** else fits – **nothing** else can bring the peace and fulfillment that comes from allowing Him to fill that void.)
- b. **Experience forgiveness, a clear conscience, and a sense of well-being.**
- c. **Experience God’s mercy and grace** – even though we don’t deserve it.
- d. **Experience God’s Presence in a *powerful way***. (“Ask and ye shall receive. Seek and ye shall find. Knock and the door will be opened. (Matthew 7:7-8; Luke 11:9-10)
- e. **Develop godly character.**
- f. **Experience a Holy Spirit-empowered boldness** to witness for God.
- g. **Have the power to resist the devil’s temptations, wage *EFFECTIVE* warfare** against him and his evil spiritual forces, and **stand firm for God**.
- h. **Love others with the love of God and serve others *unselfishly***.
- i. **Experience freedom from anxiety** as we learn to trust God more fully.

Why not take the challenge of seeing just how close YOU can get TO GOD? Start TODAY!