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SEEKING GOD

2 chronicles: 34:1-5



Seeking can be defined as an attempt to find something, or a desire to obtain or achieve something - which is synonymous to exploring and investigating. Therefore, if seeking is an attempt to find, then a man seeking God is a man attempting to find God.

The two main reasons that push a man to seek for God are the needs to know Him and the need to obtain His favour. On the other hand ignorance and negligence of God and His ways can be counted as counter seeking.

Living life on your own terms or principles can also count as counter seeking Him (see Psalms 14:2-3)

One needs to understand that there is a DILIGENT way of seeking God and a NON-DILIGENT way of doing so.

From the definition of diligent, we can see that it is done in a way that shows care and consciousness and so when one seeks God diligently, it is done wholeheartedly, with full commitment, great care, and with all attention. There is a REWARD for diligent seeking. Seeking Him diligently includes seeking Him from a place of honesty and without an agenda.

The first level of diligence is TIME MANAGEMENT - it's giving the right amount of time to the right things. FASTING also helps with this, because it helps you realign your priorities.

Not seeking with diligence would be the exact opposite - seeking recklessly. God calls us to seek and follow His ways with diligence. There is no reward where there is divided attention.



Before King David's death, he instructed his son in 1 Chronicle 22:19 saying "Now devote your heart and soul to seeking the Lord your God ...". By saying this, what King David meant was for Solomon to try his best to do God's will and follow His ways fully. King Solomon did so in his early days of reign, but as you read further into the Bible, a change occurs. The same Solomon who received the instruction to seek God wholeheartedly abandoned the ways of God in his old age. He became reckless in his way of seeking God (see 1 King 11: 4-6).

One of the ways in which we seek God is through prayer, though it's not the only way. Seeking God can start through prayer but it does not necessarily stop in prayer. Prayer in simple terms means 'COMMUNICATING' with God.

One's search for God goes beyond the term praying and it reflects in their desires to find the ways of God. It reflects in one's steps and decisions, in the way they seek for advice, in the way they read the Bible, it reflects in one's desire to forsake the life of sin and everything that does not glorify God. Though seeking for God goes beyond just praying, a man who seeks God prays continuously.

Since God is also found in His word, a person that reads the Bible seeks Him in His word. The reading of the word allows a man to know God more (see Psalm 119: 1-3).

In 2 Chronicles 26:3-5 we see King Uzziah seeking God on how to rule with godliness through good counsel.

Though it is a man who seeks God, it is God who is the initiator of the seeking. God puts a man in a position to search for Him (see Acts: 17, 26-27 and Proverb 25: 2). It is God who puts it in a man's heart the desire to seek Him. God hides the solution to our problem, and the man is called to find these solutions in Him.

A reflective question would be; what are you exactly seeking God for?

At times we say that we are seeking God, but what we truly seek are the things that God gives (promotion, job, marriage, etc). But in Matthew 6:33 Jesus gave us a good way of seeking when he said: seek FIRST the Kingdom of God and its righteousness and all shall be added unto you. This phrase summarizes all that's been said.

A person who is seeking for God seeks the interests of God; they easily avoid sin, they easily pray, they easily go to church, they easily sit next to mentors and they easily bless their church financially.

Lastly, our search for solutions is an invitation to a daily search for God.

In Proverb 8: 34-35 it says: "Blessed are those who listen to me, watching daily at my doors, waiting at my doorway. For those who find me find life and receive favor from the Lord".

PRAYER

My Lord, please help me manage my time correctly and devote it to seeking You and Your ways with DILIGENCE in Jesus name
Amen