

A SEEKING HEART

Matthew 6:33, 7:7-8; Hebrews 11:6; Psalm 119:2, 10, 145; Psalm 34; 2 Chronicles 17:1-6

Seek — to try to find; look for; to hunt; search for.

1. God seeks a relationship with us. He initiates it through His Word.

2. Seeking God keeps His Word active in our hearts.

3. A seeking heart leads to a transformed life.
 - A transformed life reflects the character of God.

 - A transformed life influences others for the kingdom of God.

4. A seeking heart leads to a fruitful life.

5. A seeking heart leads to a fulfilled life.

Eternal life is an intimate, growing relationship with the only true God and Jesus Christ, His son. How would you describe an intimate, growing relationship with God and Jesus?

2. Which of the following best describes your attitude when seeking God?

When I seek God I am usually seeking:

- A. What God can do for me
- B. God's blessings
- C. Forgiveness
- D. God's help out of a mess
- E. Answers to my questions
- F. A way to feel better about myself
- G. To satisfy a deep desire for God
- H. _____

3. Several times in Matthew 6 Jesus tells us, "Do not do so-and-so, but do this." Read Matthew 6:25-34. In these verses, how many times does Jesus tell us "to take no thought" or "do not worry"? How can worry interfere with seeking the kingdom of God and His righteousness? Why is it more important for us to focus on seeking God rather than "all these things" that God can provide for us?

4. What can we learn about seeking God from the following verses?

Luke 10:38-42

Acts 17:24-28

1 Chronicles 28:8-10

2 Chronicles 7:13-15

Luke 11:9-10

Colossians 3:1-3

LIFE AT HOME

Someone once described seeking God as “growing in obedience with a desire to love and honor God more each day.” According to John 14:15, our motivation for obedience is found in our intimate, growing relationship with Jesus. Life is all about a deeper desire for God. So how can you develop a deeper relationship with God? Well, here is one way you can develop an **INTIMATE** relationship with God.

Invest in a deeper relationship with God by putting God above all

Nurture your love for God through praise and worship

Think about God — fill your mind with good thoughts of God

Invoke God into every area of your life — fellowship with Him

Meditate on God’s Word — give God opportunities to speak to you

Accept God’s directions — grow in obedience

Talk to God — develop a prayer life and truly communicate with God

Enjoy private moments alone with God