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Ambassador's Praise and Worship

Seek Him! Seek Who? Seek Him!

- ❖ Are you curious about God?
- ❖ Do you feel that something is missing in your life?
- ❖ Do you feel that everything is okay and you just want to be you?
- ❖ Have you asked yourself who God is?
- ❖ Have you wondered who you are in Christ?
- ❖ What is your purpose?
- ❖ Are you where you should be spiritually?
- ❖ Can you grow? Do you want to grow?
- ❖ Do you feel your life would be better if you were closer to God?
- ❖ Are you depressed?
- ❖ Are you truly satisfied?
- ❖ Do you have peace?
- ❖ Do you have joy?

I hope that you find at least one of those questions thought provoking. I've been praying for guidance to help employees with character building qualities that are pleasing to God. The only way to please God is to seek Him! We get so caught up in what we should get done that we don't take time to do the one thing that will help us get everything done and that's seeking God!

In Galatians 5, Paul is writing about being free in Jesus Christ and not being bound by slavery. While we don't experience slavery in our small world, we do become slaves to many "things": food, sex, shopping, drugs, alcohol, television and the list goes on. Paul cites being bound by a yoke of slavery. When we seek God, we desire to throw off those yokes of bondage and to be free. Repentance is moving away from sin.

Paul says in verse 16 that we must live by the Spirit and then we will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. I believe that when we truly seek the face of the Father we want to move away from sin.

Have you ever played with your children when they walk up behind you and you refuse to look at them? You can turn your head and move all around. They take their little hands and will literally grab your face to turn it towards their face. They are seeking the face of their "father." They sense that

importance of getting that connection with the facial expressions; the eyes, the mouth, or the “look at me”. They want to be able to have their parent look directly at them. There’s a connection going on; a physical connection and an emotional connection.

When we want to see the face of our Heavenly Father, we do much the same as our children. Many of us wait to seek His face when we have trouble, when we’re depressed, or when it’s on our time. Our heavenly Father wants us to seek Him. As we seek Him, we make that connection with His face much like that of our children.

Our faith increases. We think more on good things. We’re not as easily distracted by evil. When trouble comes we don’t have to be ashamed of going to the throne to ask for help. Many of us wait so long to approach the Father that we are shy, ashamed, and even guilty because we haven’t made an appearance. We haven’t sought His face! As we seek His face, we learn that “Greater is He that is in me, than He that is in the world.” (Good and evil can’t inhabit the same dwelling place. God is good.)

Truly seeking God’s face takes determination, diligence, a desire for that physical and emotional connection. It’s not difficult to seek God’s face. As we accept Christ as our Savior and have that seed of faith spring forth in us, growing spiritually becomes important. It’s a hunger planted in us. **IF YOU DON’T FEEL IT, PRAY FOR IT! THEN EXPECT IT!**

Paul tells the Corinthians in 3:2 that he “gave them milk, not solid food, for they weren’t ready for it.” We can’t get to the **SOLID FOOD** until we’ve made it past the milk. In Hebrews 5:12 the writer says that someone “needs to teach you the elementary truths of God’s word all over again.” He tells them they need milk, not solid food! In Hebrews 5:13, he goes on to say that “anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness.” Seek Him! In I Peter 2:2, “like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation.” Seek Him! Follow the Holy Spirit’s leading to communicate with God through prayer and meditation. Seek Him! **SEEK** that hierarchy of spiritual freedom.

When we seek Him in truth, determination, honestly wanting to know God, we don’t want to gratify the desires of the sinful nature. The acts of the sinful nature are obvious according to Galatians 5:19:

sexual immorality,
impurity and debauchery,
idolatry and witchcraft,
hatred,
discord,
jealousy,
fits of rage,
selfish ambition,
dissensions,
factions and envy,
drunkenness, orgies—those who live like this will not make it to
heaven.

But ultimately, when we seek His face, we seek that spiritual freedom in Him, we spend time with the father, we can't help but repeat the fruits of "hanging with His spirit:

- ❖ LOVE,
- ❖ JOY,
- ❖ PEACE,
- ❖ PATIENCE,
- ❖ KINDNESS,
- ❖ GOODNESS,
- ❖ FAITHFULNESS,
- ❖ GENTLENESS and
- ❖ SELF-CONTROL.

Seeking Him is living by the spirit. Living by the spirit gives us that voice of "watch out," "danger" "go back" "turn around" and "come closer" "seek my face".

Are you seeking Him?