

“Seeking After God”
- Ron Stullenbarger –

“And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” (Luke 12:29-34 - ESV)

Pursuing God through His Son Jesus is to be our highest aim. It requires an attitude of wholeheartedness, diligence, persistence, confidence, and humility. To seek Him, what actions can we take?

First, we need to study the Scriptures. A structured, ongoing examination of them will cause our faith to grow and provide what we need for life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3). **Next, we must maintain an active prayer life.** Prayer is conversation with God and it includes both speaking and listening. **Third, we are to meditate, which involves prayerful consideration of what we read in the Word.** This means digesting a passage of Scripture verse by verse asking the Lord questions about what it means. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we can gain understanding of its application to life. This process helps us absorb His truths so we can live by them.

As we assimilate scriptural principles, we gain wisdom. It becomes easier to identify where the Lord is at work and to evaluate our circumstances in light of His character and plan. We would also recognize when we are to act. As we listen to messages based on God's Word, we will grow in the Lord. Listening includes a desire to hear, willingness to act, and the determination not to be distracted. We should also observe how God is working in others' lives, which will be an encouragement to us as well.

God promises to reward our seeking. Sometimes we will be blessed with greater understanding, at other times with inexplicable joy. Best of all, seeking always leads to finding Him. *“You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart”* (Jeremiah 29:13).