

sits in the seat of the scornful; 2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night. God promises that those who diligently seek Him shall find Him. And those that truly seek the Lord will not seek Him in vain. But those who seek the Lord understand all.

Today, can we as Christians be like David and diligently seek the Lord? Can we have a humble heart always toward our Lord and draw close to Him all the days of our lives? Yes we can. Our hearts need to be toward God at all times. We need to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and desire the Lord all the days of our lives.

Psalms 27:4 *4 One thing I have desired*

of the Lord, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the Lord, And to inquire in His temple.

The only way that anyone will ever diligently seek the Lord is that he must first have Faith. For Faith shown by our obedience is the only way any of us can please the Lord.

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“Diligently Seeking the Lord”

Hebrews 11:6 *6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*

All of us have found ourselves in a situation where we were diligently looking for a certain object of the most importance. For example, ladies, it could be a ring, a necklace, or an earring that you value. For the men, it could be a certain tool, or a special fly you use to fly fish, or a favorite CD. All of us know what it is like to look for a special item of importance. We will seek something that we think we ab-

solutely have to have. We are always seeking the things in this world that have a special value to us. Do we, as Christians today, diligently seek the Lord - to know Him better, to learn from Him, and to walk with Him in our daily lives? If we would spend more time seeking the Lord than watching TV or listening to CD's, we would be a whole lot better off in our spiritual lives.

Micah 6:8 *8 He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.*

In the Old Testament, we find a young man, who during his life, would diligently seek the Lord; so he could please the Lord in all that he did. And that man was David. When we take a closer look at David, we tend to think of a shepherd, a poet, a giant killer, and an ancestor to Jesus. In short, one of the greatest men in the Old Testament was King David. Also, with this list of David stands another list. David was a liar, an adulterer, and a murderer. The first list of David will give us qualities we all would like to have, the other list might be true of any one of us here. The Bible makes no effort to hide any of David's failures. David is remembered and respected for his heart toward God. When we see how much more we share in David's failures than in his greatness, we should be curious to find out why God refers to David as a "man after my own heart" (**Acts 13:22**). David, more than anything else, had an unchangeable belief in the faithful and forgiving nature of God. David was a man who lived with a great zeal toward God. David was quick to confess his sins to God. David's confessions were from his heart, and his repentance was always genuine. David never took God's forgiveness lightly, nor His blessings for granted. In return, God never held back from

David His forgiveness, even when David had to suffer the consequences of his sins. One may ask, what made David different from all the rest in the Bible? Our question is, "What makes David different from us today?" What changed, nothing. The difference can often be seen in that he had a heart that was diligent in seeking the Lord. If you read the Psalms, you see the heart of David; and his desire to seek the Lord and please Him. Now the word "seek" means to "strive after, to endeavor, to desire." For you see it is the spirit of man to long for fellowship with God. Can we as Christians today lose that fellowship with God as we go throughout our daily lives? Can we get caught up in the work for the Lord and yet lose touch with our Lord by not spending quiet time with the Lord in prayer, meditation and studying the scriptures? We as Christians today need to long for the Lord as a thirsty man longs for water as seen in **Psalms 63:1-2** *1 O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty land Where there is no water. 2 So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, To see Your power and Your glory.*

Psalms 63:6-8 *6 When I remember You*

on my bed, I meditate on You in the night watches. 7 Because You have been my help, Therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice. 8 My soul follows close behind You; Your right hand upholds me.

As we look at these scriptures we can see that the very purpose of man's existence is to seek God as David did.

Psalm 86:11-13 *11 Teach me Your way, O Lord; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name. 12 I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, And I will glorify Your name forevermore. 13 For great is Your mercy toward me, And You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.*

You see, all of us as Christians should always strive to seek the Lord with all our hearts. Our desires and our thoughts should always be toward the Lord. For us to seek the Lord we have to apply all diligence, in our faith and supply moral excellence, and in our moral excellence, knowledge, and self control.

2 Peter 1:5-11 *5 But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, 6 to*

knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, 7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. 8 For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. 10 Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; 11 for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

You see, for a Christian to earnestly seek the Lord he has to forsake the ways of this world and seek the ways of the Lord. Another way that a Christian can seek the Lord is to devote time to reading and studying the Bible daily. The Bible, the very word of God, is our teacher on how to learn the ways of the Lord and what pleases Him. But you have to want to seek the Lord.

Psalms 1:1-2 *1 Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor*