

SEEKING GOD

Seeking means to go in search of or to go on a quest. When you are seeking something it usually comes when one has a desire for or is looking for something. People seek after money, love, fame, etc...which can bring happiness for a time. However, seeking after God brings value to our lives that one cannot exchange for anything in this world. "Seeking God is the conscious effort to get through the natural means to God himself — to constantly set our minds toward God in all our experiences, to direct our minds and hearts toward him through the means of his revelation. This is what seeking God means." (John Piper)

So, this consecration is a time of seeking the very presence of God by setting our hearts and minds toward the Lord.

Day 1 - PUROSE IN SEEKING GOD

From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.' (Acts 17:26-28 NIV)

The Lord looks down from heaven on all mankind to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. (Psalm 14:2 NIV)

But Jehoshaphat also said to the king of Israel, "First seek the counsel of the Lord." (1 Kings 22:5 NIV)

What is the purpose of seeking God?

DAY 2 - HUMILITY IS ESSENTIAL IN SEEKING GOD

What is the greatest obstacle to seeking the Lord?

In his pride the wicked man does not seek him; in all his thoughts there is no room for God. (Psalm 10:4 NIV)

What does it mean to be humble?

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. (2 Chronicles 7:14 NIV)

DAY 3 - SEEKING IS ACTIVE

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near.
(Isaiah 55:6 NIV)

But if you will seek God earnestly and plead with the Almighty, (Job 8:5 NIV)

What are you to do in seeking God?

DAY 4 - FOCUS OUR HEART AND MIND ON GOD

Now devote your heart and soul to seeking the Lord your God...(1 Chronicles 22:19 NIV)

But if from there you seek the Lord your God, you will find him if you seek him with all your heart and with all your soul.
(Deuteronomy 4:29 NIV)

Blessed are those who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart—

I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. (Psalm 119:2, 10 NIV)

You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water. (Psalm 63:1 NIV)

What is on your mind or in your heart that could be a distraction today?

DAY 5 - PROMISE

I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me.
(Proverbs 8:17 NIV)

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.
(Jeremiah 29:13 NIV)

What is promised to those who seek God?

DAY 6 - REWARDS

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. (Hebrews 11:6 NIV)

But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who long for your saving help always say, "The Lord is great!"
(Psalm 70:4 NIV)

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always. (Psalm 105:3-4 NIV)

The land is still ours, because we have sought the Lord our God; we sought him and he has given us rest on every side." So they built and prospered. (2 Chronicles 14:7 NIV)

Evildoers do not understand what is right, but those who seek the Lord understand it fully. (Proverbs 28:5 NIV)

The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing. (Psalm 34:10 NIV)

The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; (Lamentations 3:25 NIV)

They will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from God their Saviour. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, God of Jacob. (Psalm 24:5-6 NIV)

What are the rewards for seeking God?

1. What do I need to KEEP doing today?

2. What do I need to STOP doing today?

3. What NEW habit do I need to START doing today?