

FINDING GOD
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I. THE TRUTH ABOUT FINDING GOD:

1. GOD’S PURPOSE IN EVERYTHING IS THAT _____

“²⁷His purpose in all of this was that the nations should seek after God and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him—though he is not far from any one of us. ²⁸For in him we live and move and exist.” Acts 17:27

2. GOD’S PROMISE IS THAT IF WE SEEK, _____

“⁷“Keep on asking, and you will be given what you ask for. Keep on looking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened. ⁸For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And the door is opened to everyone who knocks.” Matthew 7:7-8

3. GOD HAS AN AMAZING FUTURE PLANNED FOR THOSE WHO _____

“¹⁰The thief’s purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.” John 10:10

“³³Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.” Matthew 6:33

“³All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, ⁴and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. ⁵And through your faith, God is protecting you by his power until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see.” 1 Peter 1:3-5

4. IF WE SEEK AFTER GOD, IT’S BECAUSE _____

“⁴⁴For people can’t come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them to me.” John 6:44

5. MANY WHO THINK THEY HAVE FOUND GOD, ARE STILL LIVING ALONE WHILE _____

“²⁰Look! Here I stand at the door and knock. If you hear me calling and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal as friends.” Revelation 3:20

6. SEEKING GOD SHOULD NEVER _____

“²You must crave pure spiritual milk so that you can grow into the fullness of your salvation. Cry out for this nourishment as a baby cries for milk, ³now that you have had a taste of the Lord’s kindness.” 1 Peter 2:2

“¹⁴When I think of the wisdom and scope of God’s plan, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, ¹⁵the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. ¹⁶I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will give you mighty inner strength through his Holy Spirit. ¹⁷And I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts as you trust in him. May your roots go down deep into the soil of God’s marvelous love. ¹⁸And may you have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love really is. ¹⁹May you experience the love of Christ, though it is so great you will never fully understand it. Then you will be filled with the fullness of life and power that comes from God. ²⁰Now glory be to God! By his mighty power at work within us, he is able to accomplish infinitely more than we would ever dare to ask or hope. ²¹May he be given glory in the church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever through endless ages. Amen.” Ephesians 3:14-21

7. WE WILL LIKELY MISS HIM IS OUR _____

“⁵So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual sin, impurity, lust, and shameful desires. Don’t be greedy for the good things of this life, for that is idolatry. ⁶God’s terrible anger will come upon those who do such things. ⁷You used to do them when your life was still part of this world. ⁸But now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, and dirty language. ⁹Don’t lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old evil nature and all its wicked deeds. ¹⁰In its place you have clothed yourselves with a brand-new nature that is continually being renewed as you learn more and more about Christ, who created this new nature within you.” Colossians 3:5-10

“¹⁶For the world offers only the lust for physical pleasure, the lust for everything we see, and pride in our possessions. These are not from the Father. They are from this evil world. ¹⁷And this world is fading away, along with everything it craves. But if you do the will of God, you will live forever.” 1 John 2:16-17

“¹⁶Someone came to Jesus with this question: ‘Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?’ ¹⁷‘Why ask me about what is good?’ Jesus replied. ‘There is only One who is good. But to answer your question—if you want to receive eternal life, keep the commandments.’ ¹⁸‘Which ones?’ the man asked. And Jesus replied: ‘You must not murder. You must not commit adultery. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. ¹⁹Honor your father and mother. Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ²⁰‘I’ve obeyed all these commandments,’ the young man replied. ‘What else must I do?’ ²¹Jesus told him, ‘If you want to be perfect, go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.’ ²²But when the young man heard this, he went away very sad, for he had many possessions.” Matthew 19:16-22

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8. NOTHING FROM GOD IS EVER FOUND WITHOUT _____ & _____

“⁶ And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.” Hebrews 11:6

“¹ O God, you are my God; I earnestly search for you. My soul thirsts for you; my whole body longs for you in this parched and weary land where there is no water.” Psalm 63:1

“¹³ If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me.” Jeremiah 29:13

“¹ And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. ² Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.” Romans 12:1-2

9. SEEKING SHOULD CONTINUE UNTIL WE _____

“⁹ Now our knowledge is partial and incomplete, and even the gift of prophecy reveals only part of the whole picture! ¹⁰ But when the time of perfection comes, these partial things will become useless. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child. But when I grew up, I put away childish things. ¹² Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely.” 1 Corinthians 13:9-12

“¹² Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed--not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence--continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling,” Philippians 2:12

II. WHAT SHOULD I SEEK?

1. _____

2. GOD'S _____ : His Love, His Comfort, His Power, Spiritual Connectedness

- The _____

3. GOD'S _____ : For My Life, For My Family, For My Church/Ministry

4. GOD'S _____ : Spiritual Maturity

5. GOD'S _____ : For My Day To Day Walk

- A Close _____

6. GOD'S _____ : The Advancement Of His Kingdom, Salvation Of Others/Church Growth

- The Production Of _____ Through My Life

7. GOD'S _____

KEY: The Easiest Way To Find God Is By _____

"¹⁹ Come, follow Me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4:19