

SEEKING THE HEART OF GOD, Part 1 (Continued)

- The Father's heart is delighted when we pursue HIM. Not half-heartedly of for what we can get from Him- but with the goal of enjoying a deeper relationship with God.
- Seeking God is the setting of the mind and heart of GOD. It is the conscious fixing or focusing of our mind's attention and our heart's affection on God.
- When we seek the heart (will of God), we engage in the work of syncing our lives with God's – What's important to Him, is important to us. Moreover, when He tells us to go one way, we trust Him and follow His voice and lead.
- What is important to God? What is His desire concerning the priority and focus of our lives?
- When we seek the heart of God, we seek the Word, will, and ways of God above everything else! However, seeking is not about finding what is missing, it's about seeing what God is revealing to us.

I. PRIORITIZE HIS WORD

- There are three (3) primary ways we can prioritize God's Word:

A. LEARN THE WORD

- Romans 12:2 (a)
- Nehemiah 8:1-8
- Hebrews 5:11 – 6:3

1. _____ is our principle platform for our encounters with God, and we must _____ with _____. When we hear the Word, we are _____.

- His _____; His _____; His _____
- We must _____ into His Word, in order to _____; and _____ His principles that we may _____ out for His glory and our good.

2. In order to build friendships, we must spend time with people to _____; as our _____. We must do this with God also; by _____ with Him; learning His Word and _____.

3. It is through _____ that we :

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____

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1. Listening is the quintessence of _____ between us and others and between us and God. Relationships, as well as spiritual growth, are _____; starting with God's Word and to one another.
2. The word "*listen*" in scripture simply means to _____; and to _____ by opening ears to hear.
3. Jesus commands us to _____. If we are reluctant to listen, we are reluctant to learn and grow.
 - _____
 - God scatters His Word into our hearts, with the _____ of fruit for consumption and commerce; for personal _____; and for _____. But, this can't happen if we _____ (Word).

C. LIVE THE WORD

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

1. The ultimate goal of God is not just to save us and usher us into Heaven with Him when we die; but He also wants to _____ and _____ into the image of His Son Jesus.
2. The God who is _____, works in us through _____ bringing about _____

in our walk with Him. The work of sanctification starts with us
_____ . Our

_____ .

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3. Living the Word does the following:

a. _____ (I John 2:3-6)

b. _____ (I Peter 2:12)

c. _____ (Deuteronomy
28:1-14)