

# Seeking The Face of God

## Prayer Guide

### Week 10

#### Hindrances to Seeking His Face: Divided Heart

*Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world..*

**James 4:8 (NLT)**



**Prayer Focus:** Seeking the Face of God may appeal to our hearts and stir us to desire Him, but we soon realize that seeking the face of God is serious and intense business. Those who would seek the Face of God must remember that God desires relationship with us, and as with any relationship, this means He desires our undivided attention. He desires an undivided heart. Jesus describes this in another way in Matthew 15:8 when He says, “This people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.” For us to seek and find the Face of God, we must have a heart that is not divided between God and other things. God will not content Himself to be second in line to anything else in our lives. James describes hearts that are divided between God and the world. This can take many forms. We may be seeking to share our hearts between God and a desire for comfort, a desire for the love of another person, a desire for success, a desire for significance, or a desire for material things and riches. There are unlimited numbers of ways our hearts can be divided. But God tells us that if we are to seek Him, He must be the first desire of our hearts, above all other things.

- Day 1:** Spend time today being still before God, and allowing Him to reveal to you, your heart as He sees it. Give Him permission to show you where your heart may be divided.
- Day 2:** Are there other loyalties that try to take the place of God as most important in your life? Confess those and affirm your desire to make Him number one in your life.
- Day 3:** Take special time today to tell the Lord that He has the first place in your heart.
- Day 4:** Thank the Lord today for His great mercy and forgiveness for you personally. Thank Him today for His desire for you that is greater than your desire for Him.
- Day 5:** Pray today that the Lord would help you to daily reaffirm your desire that He have first place in your heart.
- Day 6:** Pray today for the people in your church to have hearts that are undivided in their love for the Lord.
- Day 7:** Today, spend time praying for other churches that God would speak to them about this issue of an undivided heart.

