

Seeking The Face of God

Prayer Guide

Week 14

Requirements for Seeking His Face: Holiness in Thought

... casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ...

2 Corinthians 10:5 (NKJV)



Prayer Focus: In order to seek the Face of God, we must also have holiness in our thought life. The scriptures are clear that our thoughts are also a reflection of who we are on the inside (Proverbs 23:7). Paul's words in 2 Corinthians here are challenging because many of us are not accustomed to controlling our thoughts. Rather we are usually feeling like the victims of the thoughts that are racing through our minds. Yet we are told in Scripture that we are to have control of our thought and bring them under the control of the Holy Spirit. That is why it is possible for Paul to write in I Corinthians 13:5...love does not think evil. When we are wounded or other people come against us, our first thoughts are to defend ourselves, or think and speak evil of the other person. Remember that these thoughts are a reflection of what is in our hearts and we are to bring those thoughts under the control of the Holy Spirit. Galatians 6:3 also tells us that wrong thinking about ourselves is deception. If we are to seek and see the Face of God, we must deal strongly with our thought life. We must confess wrong thoughts and attitudes, and bring our thoughts under the control of the Holy Spirit, so that our thoughts will reflect the character and holiness of the God whom we seek.

- Day 1:** Spend time today allowing the Lord to examine your thought life. Give Him permission to search every area of your thoughts... even those secret places.
- Day 2:** Repent for all the thoughts that are not pleasing to the Lord. Ask God to continue to make you aware of your thoughts and not be a victim of your thinking.
- Day 3:** Ask the Lord to reveal to you your thoughts that are not according to His Word and His character. Commit yourself to think thoughts that give life and grace.
- Day 4:** Ask the Lord to show you any ways of thinking that are not according to the truths of Scripture, especially about yourself.
- Day 5:** Pray for the people of your church to have their thought lives transformed by the Holy Spirit.
- Day 6:** Pray for other believers in your city to be freed from false and un-Biblical thinking.
- Day 7:** Pray today for the missionaries from your church to have their thoughts formed by the Word of God through the power of the Holy Spirit.