

Seeking The Face of God

Prayer Guide

Week 16

Requirements for Seeking His Face: Holiness in Actions

Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it.

James 4:17 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: It is perhaps easiest for us to think of sin as it relates to actions. We observe the “actions” of other, or ourselves and can identify certain acts as sinful. But James takes the linkage between action and sin to a different level. Here, James relates sin and actions to our relationship with God. Do you see the connection? James tells us that if there is something we know we ought to do, and do not know it, then it is to us sin. How do we know what we ought to do? That comes through our relationship with God in His Word, the Bible, and by the voice of His Holy Spirit. In John 16:13, Jesus tells us that the Holy Spirit that is given to us will guide us into ALL truth. That would include the truth of understanding how to obey the Word of God, and how to listen to, and obey the voice of the Holy Spirit. Therefore we come once again to the issue of relationship. And that is why this topic of actions comes after the other subjects of holiness in speech, thoughts, and attitudes. Holiness in actions means that we immediately obey the Word of God when the Holy Spirit reveals a truth to us, and we obey when the Holy Spirit prompts us to some action, or obedient act. As we have seen, actions are a reflection of our hearts, and attitudes of life. For us to earnestly seek the Face of God means that we pay close attention to our actions that are in obedience to the Word of God and Voice of the Spirit. This is worship; this prepares the way for us to encounter the Holy God, face to face.

- Day 1:** Today, ask the Lord to give you insight into your actions, to see your life as He sees it. Allow Him to search deep into your motivations behind your actions.
- Day 2:** Ask the Lord to give you a new awareness of the actions of your life, and how they reflect your heart of love and obedience to Him.
- Day 3:** Pray for a heart that would be quick to obey the words of Scripture, and the promptings of the Holy Spirit.
- Day 4:** Repent to the Lord, and to others for actions that have not been honoring to the Lord, or have hurt others. Do not let fear hinder you from this.
- Day 5:** Today, pray that the Lord will do a mighty work of His Spirit in your church family in this area of holy actions.
- Day 6:** Ask the Lord to do a similiar move of His Spirit in the other churches in your city. Pray blessings over them, maybe even stop and pray at other churches.
- Day 7:** Pray that the actions of the missionaries of your church would be led by the Spirit of God so that many would come to faith in Christ.