

Seeking The Face of God

Prayer Guide

Week 22

Requirements for Seeking His Face: Focus – Our Affections

Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth.

Colossians 3:1-2 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: Our affections are those things that we set our desires upon. They are those things that we think about and put our desires upon. In order to truly seek and find the face of God, we must diligently examine where we set the desires of our hearts. The Apostle John, in 1 John 2:15 tells us that we are to not love the world, or the things in the world. It does not mean that we need to have a monastic lifestyle in order to seek God, but what it does mean, is that we must diligently watch over our hearts so that our desires for the things, or relationships of this world do not overshadow our desire for the things of God. Those affections are usually not stolen away suddenly, but slowly over time. We profess our love for the Lord, but weeks or months later, the desire for a new car, or new furniture begins to steal away the time I spend with the Lord. I spend more time thinking about those other things than I do thinking about my relationship with God. Over and over in the Old Testament, God describes how He is astonished that the hearts of Israel are so easily turned. And we are no different than they. As we seek the Face of God, let us give serious diligence to watching over the affections, the desires of our hearts. Where do my true desires lie... towards God? Or Towards the things of this world?

- Day 1:** In your prayer time today, give the Lord permission to examine your heart and show you how He sees the desires of your heart.
- Day 2:** Confess to the Lord every way that your heart may have turned away from Him toward the things of this world.
- Day 3:** Today, spend some time dedicating every area of your heart, your desire, your affections to seeking His Face. No matter what.
- Day 4:** Pray today for your family to have hearts that are set on the things of God.
- Day 5:** Intercede today for the members of your church. Pray for God to do a work of His Spirit to change affections toward seeking His Face.
- Day 6:** Pray for your brothers and sisters in other churches in your city to have hearts that are seeking after the things of God and not after the things of the world.
- Day 7:** Today, pray for a worldwide turning of hearts from worldly things, to seek after the true and living God.