

Seeking The Face of God

Prayer Guide

Week 26

Cost of Seeking: Time – For Prayer

One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up.

Luke 18:1 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: There is a price if we desire to seek the Face of God. To come into the presence of the all holy God is not automatic, the price for God was the blood of His Son Jesus Christ. For us to come to a deeper place of intimacy before God's Face will cost us. In the next weeks we will look at that cost in very honest ways. The first price is time. And the first part of the cost of time, is time for prayer. Only those who are willing to spend the time in deep, seeking, desperate prayer will come to encounter the Face of God. Scripture and Church history are full of examples of those who gave themselves to expend lavish amounts of time in order to seek after God. Joshua lingered in the Tent of Meeting (Exodus 33:11), the watchmen on the wall are to give themselves no rest (Isaiah 62:6), and books have been written of others. We each have been given a stewardship of time. We are given the ability to determine how we use that time. How much time we spend seeking the Face of God will be an indicator of how serious we are about truly seeking His Face. Sure, we have life responsibilities, God understands this, but we also have discretionary time. How do we spend that time? Watching television, searching the internet, or do we dedicate time to seeking His Face? There is a cost, the cost of time in prayer.

- Day 1:** Prayerfully evaluate the time that you actually spend in prayer to seek God's Face. Could you stand before God and know He is pleased with that amount of time?
- Day 2:** Ask the Lord to help you honestly evaluate your time before Him that you can spend to seek His face in earnest prayer.
- Day 3:** Today, pray a prayer of dedication, giving the Lord your time, and asking Him to help you be a good steward of the time He gives you.
- Day 4:** Pray for grace and wisdom in how to use your time of prayer with other areas of responsibility.
- Day 5:** Pray that the Lord would touch your church with the truth of the need for time in prayer to seek God's Face.
- Day 6:** Intercede for the believers in your city to hear the call of God to spend time in seeking the Face of God with perseverance.
- Day 7:** Pray for the missionaries from your church to make time to seek the Face of God there on the mission field.