

“Seek the Lord...

...while He may be found; call on Him while He is near.” (Isa. 55:6 NIV)

Proverbs 8:17 says (talking of wisdom) *“I love those who love me, and those who seek Me find Me.”* (NIV) In Hebrews 11:6, the word says *“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe He is, and that He is a **rewarder** of those who diligently seek Him.”* (NKJV).

These are just a few of the many scriptures throughout the Bible that tell us about seeking God, so we can presume it is something very important we need to put into regular practice. For most of us, we do seek God, but unfortunately, it's often only when we are in the middle of a crisis and we can't seem to figure out where God is, and we're in a panic trying to find Him!

King David had some good advice in Psalm 5:3 that we would be wise to follow: *“In the morning Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before You and wait in expectation.”* David **started** his day by seeking God first, before he got caught up in the duties of the day and got distracted. We are living in very troubling and uncertain times, and we never know what any given day might bring us, so we need to be prepared. A. W. Tozer once said *“God waits to be wanted.”* **God wants us!** He actually wants to have fellowship with us on a daily basis, not just an S.O.S. from us when we're in trouble!

We can't be casual in seeking out the Lord, and we can't only seek Him in our time of trouble! My main reason for this focus is to tell you what I have observed in two family members and in a close brother and sister in Christ the past few weeks when they were presented with situations where they didn't know what to do. I stood in awe of God's faithfulness to each of them.

One He gave wisdom and specific instructions on how to help a friend in financial trouble, to another He gave peace, assurance, and strength in the midst of a very chaotic and disturbing set of circumstances. To one He gave grace, mercy and the ability to forgive in dealing with a family member's troubling situation, which immediately disarmed the enemy, and brought peace to what could have been a very volatile, hostile confrontation.

In the last example, God gave them grace, peace, and a forgiving heart and prevented them from doing what they wanted to do in their flesh - inflict bodily harm on someone who had wronged a family member. I believe they all had one common denominator - they all are the type of persons who **do** seek the Lord earnestly, every day, are committed to Him, and have their ears attuned to His voice. If we seek the Lord daily and commune with Him, He is always close in times of trouble! Amen!