

*Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)*

*And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)*

## **Seek Him**

Here I am Lord. It's me again. I'm here to meet with you. I'm in this sacred place. It is our special time. There is no place I would rather be than in your presence. There is nothing I would rather do than seek you with all my heart. I want to know you intimately. I want to follow you closely. I want to do your will. I want to live in ways that please you. So, I have stopped all my activity. My heart and mind and life are focused on you. What do you want to say to me? What do you want to show me? What do you want to do in me? What do you want to do for me? What do you want to do through me? I am excited to be on my walk of faith in you. I believe in you. I trust you. I am relying on you. **That is very good.**

Thank you for all the rewards you have brought into my life as I have been earnestly seeking you with all my heart. **What rewards have I brought into your life as you have earnestly sought me?** You have healed my bruised and battered and broken life as I rested in your presence. You have refreshed me. You have revived me. You have restored me. You have guarded and guided me as I have followed you. As I have meditated on your word, you have been changing my heart and transforming my mind. You have given me new thoughts to think, words to speak and deeds to do. You have made me able to bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. You have made me able to shine brightly as your witness in the world. But, best of all you are helping me to come to know you. I love you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. You have drawn near to me as I have drawn near to you. Living and walking in a love relationship with you has become the joy of my life. **That is very good.**

**What would you like to ask of me?** I want to know you better. I want to draw nearer. I want to go deeper. I want to love you more intensely. I want to shine more brightly for you. I want to be used more fully by you. I want to bear more fruit for you kingdom and bring more glory to your name. **Do you believe that I will hear and answers these prayers of yours?** Yes, I do. **That is very good.**

*Father, it is my priority and plan to seek you with all my heart. I want to know you intimately. I want to follow you closely. I want to accomplish the purpose and plan you have for my life. I want to fully live in ways that please you. Thank you for these desires. Amen*

**Identity** *Earnestly Seek Him*

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

NIV Hebrews 11:1,6

**Identity** *Sincerely Seek Him*

Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see.

And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.

NLT Hebrews 11:1,6

**Identity** *Seek Him*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

And without faith it is impossible to please God, for whoever would approach him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

NRSV Hebrews 11:1,6

**Identity** *Diligently Seek Him*

NOW FAITH is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses].

But without faith it is impossible to please and be satisfactory to Him. For whoever would come near to God must [necessarily] believe that God exists and that He is the rewarder of those who earnestly and diligently seek Him [out].

AMP Hebrews 11:1,6

**Identity** *Seek Him*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

NASB Hebrews 11:1,6

**Identity** *Seek Him*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

ESV Hebrews 11:1,6

**Identity** *Diligently Seek Him*

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

NKJV Hebrews 11:1,6

**Identity** *Seek Him*

The fundamental fact of existence is that this trust in God, this faith, is the firm foundation under everything that makes life worth living. It's our handle on what we can't see.

It's impossible to please God apart from faith. And why? Because anyone who wants to approach God must believe both that he exists and that he cares enough to respond to those who seek him.

MSG Hebrews 11:1,6

**Identity** *Sincerely Look For Him*

What is faith? It is the confident assurance that something we want is going to happen. It is the certainty that what we hope for is waiting for us, even though we cannot see it up ahead.

You can never please God without faith, without depending on him. Anyone who wants to come to God must believe that there is a God and that he rewards those who sincerely look for him.

TLB Hebrews 11:1,6

**Identity** *Truly Want To Find Him*

Faith means being sure of the things we hope for and knowing that something is real even if we do not see it. Faith is the reason we remember great people who lived in the past.

Without faith no one can please God. Anyone who comes to God must believe that he is real and that he rewards those who truly want to find him.

NCV Hebrews 11:1,6

# Earnestly Seek Him

Year \_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_

**Identity** – Hebrews 11:1,6

**In Context:** *Read Hebrews 11*

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God’s Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)

**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

Now | faith is | being sure | of what | we hope for | and certain of | what | we do | not see. Hebrews 11:1

And | without faith | it is impossible | to please God, | because anyone | who comes | to him | must believe | that | he exists | and that | he rewards | those | who earnestly | seek him. Hebrews 11:6

**Praying The Scripture:** ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Father, it is my priority and plan to seek you with all my heart. I want to know you intimately. I want to follow you closely. I want to accomplish the purpose and plan you have for my life. I want to fully live in ways that please you. Thank you for these desires. Amen

**What It Means:** ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

When have you come to realize that you were only half-heartedly seeking God?

Why do you now need and want to earnestly seek God with all your heart?

**How are you making it your priority and plan and daily strategy to seek God with all your heart?**

How has your faith in God grown as you have earnestly sought Him with all your heart?

How are you coming to know God more intimately as you seek Him with all your heart?

**How has God been bringing His rewards into your life as you have earnestly sought Him?**

**What has God done in, for and through you as you have earnestly sought Him with all your heart?**

**Living It Out:** ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Make it your priority and plan and daily strategy of your life to earnestly seek God with all your heart.

**Seeing It Happen:** ***(What are you trusting God for in our heart?)***

Have faith that God will reward you as you earnestly seek Him with all their heart.

**Get Ready To Share:** ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you are earnestly seeking God with all your heart.

**Close With Prayer:**

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you earnestly seek God with all your heart.*

---

---

---

---

**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, I will earnestly seek you with all my heart.*

---

---

---

---

**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

---

---

---

---

---

---

**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, what do you want to do in, for or through me as I seek you with all my heart?*

---

---

---

---