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Rewards

In everything I think, say and do I want to please you. Sometimes I have a hard time believing that it would be possible for me to please you. **Why is that?** You are perfect. You are Holy. I am imperfect. I am a sinner. **If that were completely true then you are right, it would be impossible for you to please me.** What isn't completely true about what I said? **You tell me.** I am positive that you are perfect and holy. **Yes, I am, that is not where you made a mistake.** I also said that I am imperfect and I am also a sinner. **Yes you did, what is wrong about that statement?** Well, I have been forgiven and cleansed of all my unrighteousness. **Yes, that's right and what else?** I have been made holy and perfect in your Son, Jesus Christ. His righteousness is now my righteousness. He has made me pure and holy in your sight. **Yes, that is what He has done for you.** So, now I can do what pleases you, is that correct? **Yes, that is correct. Do you have faith to believe this?** Yes, I believe that I can now do what pleases you. **Yes, you can please me. Yes you do please me.**

What do you think pleases me? I'm not positive. **What must you do if you want to please me?** Now, that I do know. If I want to please you I know that I must earnestly seek you. **What does it mean to earnestly seek me?** I earnestly seek you with all my heart and mind and soul. Everything that is within me desires to seek you. The focus of all my attention is on seeking you. There is nothing I would rather do than seek you. There is no place that I would rather be than in your presence. **Why is it that you are so earnest in your desire to seek me?** I love you with all my heart and mind and soul. You have made me. You have saved me. You have forgiven me. You are molding and shaping me. You have made me to be your child. You are my Father. **Yes, I am and all that is within me loves you. You have learned to love me because I have first loved you.** Yes, of that I am positive.

What will happen to you as you earnestly seek me? I will know you. I will know your will and your ways. I will know for sure what you are calling me to do for you. You will help me to bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. I will go where you guide me and do what you ask of me. Then I will know and do what is pleasing to you. **Yes, you will.**

What will you receive from me as you earnestly seek me and do what pleases me? You will reward me. I'm not sure what your rewards will look like. It is rewarding enough to be called your child. It is rewarding enough to be used by you. It is rewarding enough to bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. It is rewarding enough to know that one day I will come to live forever in heaven with you. **Yes, you will. Then you will be fully rewarded for earnestly seeking me.**

Father, I do believe in and love you with all my heart and mind and soul. I am earnestly seeking you with all that is within me. It is my desire to live the life Christ has secured for me with and for you. Thank you for rewarding me. Amen

Promises *Earnestly Seek Him*

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NIV Hebrews 11:6

Promises *Seek Him*

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 11:6

Promises *Sincerely Seek Him*

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 11:6

Promises *Diligently Seek Him*

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 11:6

Promises *Seek Him*

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 11:6

Promises *Seek Him*

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 11:6

Promises *Diligently Seek Him*

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 11:6

Promises *Sincerely Seek Him*

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 11:6

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NCV Hebrews 11:6

Earnestly Seek Him

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Promises – Hebrews 11:6

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?)***

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

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Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

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What It Means:

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

How has believing in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord caused you to come to God in prayer?

How is your faith growing as you continue to follow Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord?

How are you earnestly seeking God and the life Jesus Christ has secured for you on a daily basis?

Who has helped to spur you on and encourage you in your faith in Jesus Christ?

When have you seen faith in God boldly on display and in action in the life of another person?

How is your life serving as an example of faith in God that others can and will want to follow?

How has God rewarded you as you have believed in Him and earnestly sought Him on a daily basis?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Earnestly seek God with all your heart, mind and soul because you believe in Him and know He will reward you.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that God will reward you because you believe in, and are earnestly seeking, Him.

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, mind and soul.

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 come to God because you believe that He exists and will reward you as you earnestly seek Him.

Prayer To Carry

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

Lord, I come to you because I do believe that you exist and that you will reward me as I earnestly seek you.

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 show me as I come to you and earnestly seek you today?
