

Quote

D.L. Moody: “You might as well try to hear without ears, or breathe without lungs, as to try to live a Christian life without the Spirit of God in your heart.”

Practical application

- Begin each day with surrender: “Holy Spirit, fill me, lead me, strengthen me.”
- Obey the first prompting quickly (apologize, pray, give, stop, speak, serve). Sensitivity grows by obedience.
- When tempted, don’t negotiate—draw near to God and resist immediately (thoughts, media, habits).

5) Abide through Prayer and Mission: Communion Bears Fruit

- **Boldness comes:** Abiding produces **confidence** in prayer (alignment with His heart).
- Abiding protects **unity** (love under pressure).
- Abiding produces **fruit** that lasts (character + witness + answered prayer).

Matthew 5:6 (NKJV) Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.

Psalms 91:2 (NKJV) I will say of the Lord, “He is my **refuge and my fortress**; My God, in Him I will trust.”

Quote

E.M. Bounds: “Prayer is not learned in a classroom but in the closet.”

Practical application

- Pray in three directions daily: Up (worship), In (Transformation), Out (people/mission).
- Choose one person to intentionally love and serve each week (text, meal, prayer, encouragement, invitation).
- Guard unity: refuse offense, choose humility, assume the best, and pursue peace quickly.



Seeking, Finding, Abiding, Producing Part 2

Sunday, January 25, 2026

1) Seek Him First: Set Your Heart and Hunger for Your God

Matthew 6:33 (NKJV) But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these **things** shall be added to you.

John 17:3 (NKJV) And this is eternal life, that they may **know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ** whom You have sent.

Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV) 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.

- **The Kingdom is about a Person.** Seeking “first” is choosing relationship with the King.

Deuteronomy 4:29 (NKJV) But from there you will seek the Lord your God, and you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul.

Psalms 63:1 (NKJV) O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty land Where there is no water.

Psalms 63:2 (NKJV) So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, To see Your power and Your glory.

Quote

A.W. Tozer: “God is looking for people through whom He can do the impossible. What a pity we plan only the things we can do by ourselves.”

Practical Suggestion:

- Decide a daily “first appointment” with God (same time, same place) before media, phone, and tasks.
- Pray a simple seek-prayer: “Lord, I set my heart to know You today—lead me.”
- Remove one competing appetite this week (scrolling, TV, late nights) and replace it with 20 minutes of Word + prayer.

2) Abide in His Love: The Atmosphere Where His Will Becomes Possible

1 Samuel 30:7 (NKJV) Then David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech’s son, “Please bring the ephod here to me.” And Abiathar brought the ephod to David.

1 Samuel 30:8 (NKJV) So David inquired of the Lord, saying, “Shall I pursue this troop? Shall I overtake them?” And He answered him, “Pursue, for **you shall surely overtake them and without fail recover all.**”

1 Samuel 30:18 (NKJV) So David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away, and David rescued his two wives.

1 Samuel 30:19 (NKJV) And **nothing of theirs was lacking**, either small or great, sons or daughters, spoil or anything which they had taken from them; **David recovered all.**

James 4:7 (NKJV) Therefore **submit** to God. **Resist** the devil and he will flee from you.

James 4:8 (NKJV)

Draw near to God and **He will draw near** to you. **Cleanse** your hands, you sinners; and **purify** your hearts, you **double-minded**.

- **Wholeheartedness breaks spiritual dullness.** Half-seeking keeps you double-minded; wholehearted seeking produces clarity and stability.

1 John 4:16 (NKJV) And we have **known and believed** the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

The order matters: Known and Believed

1. You come to **know** (through the revelation of Christ, Scripture, and the Spirit’s witness).

2. You choose to **believe** (receive it as true for you). Maturity happens when God’s love becomes your **default interpretation** of God—so you stop relating to Him through fear, performance, and shame.

Revelation 3:20 (NKJV) Behold, **I stand at the door and knock**. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, **I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.**

Psalms 27:8 (NKJV) When You said, “Seek My face,” **My heart said to You**, “Your face, Lord, I will seek.”

Quote

“Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?” — Corrie ten Boom ([Guideposts](#))

Practical application

- Pray this daily (simple, direct): “Lord, I turn my heart toward You. Cleanse me and realign my desires.”
- Do a 3-question check-in: *What am I pursuing? What is pursuing me? What needs to be surrendered today?*
- Establish a “quick draw near” habit: 30 seconds of prayer before every major transition (car, meeting, meals).

3) Abide in His Word: How God Builds the Inner Life to Do His Will

Colossians 3:1 (NKJV) If then you were raised with Christ, **seek those things which are above**, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.

Colossians 3:2 (NKJV) **Set your mind on things above**, not on things on the earth.

Colossians 3:3 (NKJV) For you died, and **your life is hidden with Christ in God.**

Psalms 63:3 (NKJV) Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, My lips shall praise You.

Psalms 63:4 (NKJV) Thus **I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands** in Your name.

Psalms 63:5 (NKJV) My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness, And **my mouth shall praise You with joyful lips.**

Quote

John Wesley: “I am a man of one book.”

Practical application

- Use a simple 3-step habit: Read (one section), Meditate (one phrase), Apply (one action).
- When pressure rises, don’t default to emotions—default to what God said.
- Practice love on purpose: one act daily that costs your flesh (forgive, serve, encourage, give).

4) Dwell in the Secret Place: Live From God’s Presence, Not From Pressure

Hebrews 12:2 (NKJV) looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who **for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross**, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Jesus promises us the Helper who teaches, reminds, guides, and empowers.

- **The secret place is where fear loses its voice.** Dwelling produces confidence—not because circumstances are easy, but because God is near.
- **Thirst becomes intimacy when you stay.** Psalm 63 doesn’t just describe desire; it describes a soul that keeps returning until it’s satisfied in God.
- **Fellowship is daily and real.** Revelation 3:20 is more than salvation language—it’s an ongoing picture of communion.

Psalms 91:1 (NKJV) He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Matthew 6:6 (NKJV) But you, when you pray, **go into your room**, and when you have **shut your door**, **pray** to your Father who is **in the secret place**; and **your Father who sees** in secret will **reward you openly**.