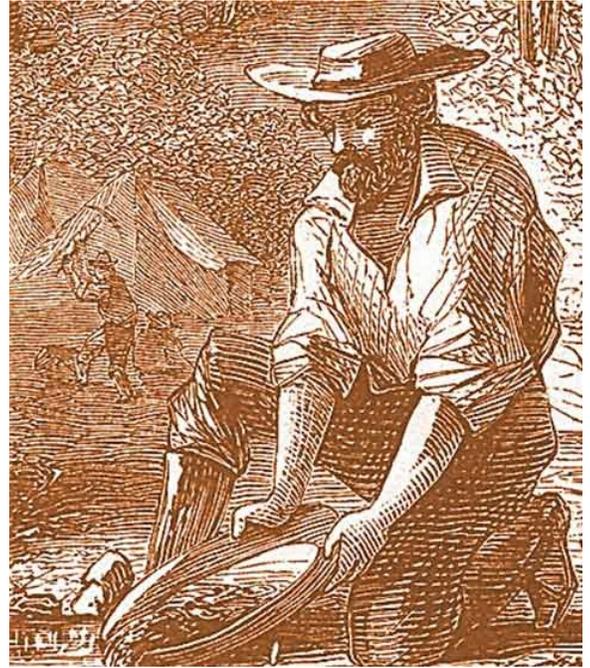


"And he sought God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in The Visions of God: and As Long As He Sought The LORD, God made him to prosper." 2 Chronicles 26:5 KJV



It's curious that we only earnestly seek God in times of poverty or trouble. Be it material or emotional, we never think we need God in times of prosperity, even though prosperity is of the Lord. The Path of Righteousness, obedience is lined with God's Bounty And Provision for those who walk it. God's Commands Are His Blessings, not His Provisions. We suffer want when we pursue lust. I need not desire provision or bounty, neither lack it, if my *"delight is in The Law of The LORD. Delight thyself also in the Lord and He Shall Give thee the desires of thine heart."* Walking with God will make you desire to please God more than anything else and by virtue of this, you will trust and obey God's Law. Your provision, both material and emotional, is assured. You don't trust strangers, because you don't know them. You don't trust God for the same reason. The concept is clearly defined in Matthew 6:31-33: *"Therefore take no thought, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or, 'What shall we drink?' or, 'Wherewithal shall we be clothed?' (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your Heavenly Father Knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye First The Kingdom of God, And His Righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."* What is it you seek? Prosperity or the God who not only Has it all, but Provides it? The measure of your desire is directly proportional to the object of your focus. Your life will manifest your true desires and, regardless of what you say, men will know it. Do you find your words of Truth fall on deaf ears? It's because your life tells another tale! Satan doesn't want you to pray, read, and meditate on God's Word which is why you never seem to have time or desire to do it. Diligence, determined effort, is the only way to really know God. *"Without Faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He Is, And That He Is A Rewarder of them that DILIGENTLY seek Him."* God Is His Own Reward. The benefit of knowing Him is The Bounty He Bestows on those who truly seek Him. If *"the LORD Is My Shepherd; I Shall Not Want."* Whatever you follow is your "shepherd!" If it is self, then self must provide all you need for the Lord will not!

All the needs of faithful men,
By their God are given them,
Because they seek His blessed face,
Straying not from paths of Grace. –CGP

Leisure time is the tar pit of evil. Once snared by it, its grasp is almost inescapable. It is full of things of which we say, "What's wrong with it?" Sports, entertainment, food, hobbies, society, and yes, even politics are just some of the things that rob us of The Presence of God! You'll find True Joy walking with God. How do you do that? Constant meditation and prayer. *"If we walk in the Light As He Is In The Light, we have fellowship one with another."* Acknowledge His Presence every moment. *"In ALL thy ways acknowledge Him And He Shall Direct thy path."* Peace will fill your soul, rest will be sweet, and your Joy Unspeakable if you seek God, find God, and walk with Him every moment of every day!

"I rejoice at Thy Word, as one that findeth great spoil. I hate and abhor lying: but Thy Law do I love. Seven times a day do I praise Thee because of Thy Righteous Judgments. Great Peace have they which love Thy Law: and nothing shall offend them. LORD, I have hoped for Thy Salvation, and done Thy Commandments. My soul hath kept Thy Testimonies; and I love Them exceedingly." Psalms 119:162-167 KJV