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Principles for Spiritual Life (Part Four)

First Principle: He's God and we're not

Second Principle: God Doesn't Need Us But We Desperately Need Him.

Third Principle: What God Demands, He Supplies.

Three words of response:

1. **Submitting**
2. **Admitting**
3. **Receiving**

“What you seek, you find.”

“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.” (Deuteronomy 4:29 NKJV)

“As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever.” (I Chronicles 28:9 NKJV)

“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 prosper.” (II Chronicles 26:5 NKJV)

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

“Seek the LORD while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near.” (Isaiah 55:6)

“You will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.” (Jeremiah 29:11-13 NKJV)

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

“So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.” (Luke 11:9-10 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.” (Hebrews 11:6 NKJV)

I. Clarifying the Issue

- A. Everyone **seeks** something.
- B. There is an easy **test** to find out what you seek in life.

1. Find out how you spend your **time**, **talent**, **temple**, and **treasure**, and I'll tell you what you are seeking.

C. Whatever righteous thing you seek in the **spiritual** realm, you can have it, if you want it **badly** enough.

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

II. Removing the Excuses

A. The excuse of **self-pity**.

1. Self-pity is the **enemy** of spiritual growth.

B. I'm "**trying**" excuse.

1. An excuse is just a protected or sheltered **lie**.

C. "I **can't** change" or "I **don't** want to change."

III. Applying the Truth

A. Are you a God-**seeking** person?

"Seek the Lord while he may be found." Isaiah 55:6

IV. Where should you begin?

A. **Admit** your need.

B. Cry out to God for **help**.

C. **Surround** yourself with God-seeking people.

4. **Wait** on the Lord. This is a hard discipline for most of us to practice.

5. Spend time in **prayer** and **fasting**.

V. The paradox of the gospel:

A. When we truly **seek** God, we find Him. We get **happiness** (deep fulfillment, lasting joy, the abundant life) too.