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Eye Contact

Text: Psalm 27:8

Face to face contact — eye contact — is an essential part of _____. We need to maintain spiritual eye contact with our heavenly father.

The paradox is that when you seek God just for the sake of knowing him, your life becomes more meaningful, more joyous, more vibrant.

Seeking God is the only way to discover your heart's _____

God is saying that when you seek me with an I'm-dead-serious-about-this attitude, and I mean business, your search will not be in vain. He's saying: You will find me. Ref: Hebrews 11:6; 2nd Chronicles 7:14)

When we talk about seeking God's face, we're talking about seeking his presence. We're talking about one-on-one together-in-the-same-room communion with God. Ref: 1st Chronicles 16;11

Seeking God's face begins with _____. Matthew 28:20; Hebrews 13:5

God wants more than just a Sunday morning religious ritual from his people. He even wants more than your mere obedience. He wants your devotion. He wants your heart. He wants — believe it or not _____.

These things will help enable you to experience more and more of God's presence in your life.

1. _____ and Cleave Every Day.

The word translated *cling* is the same word translated *cleave* in Genesis. It means glue, and it describes our relationship with God. Ref: Psalm 63:8

Sometimes during the day you might venture off course, but here are a couple of things you can do to help you be where you need to be.

One, get in the habit of acknowledging God's presence first thing in the morning. Start a conversation with him before you do anything else.

Two, get in the habit of acknowledging God's presence in the closing moments of each day.

2. _____ and Appreciation.

I believe that praise opens the doors of Heaven.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. (Psalm 100:4)

An essential step to seeking God's face and seeking his presence is to come to him in a spirit of gratitude.

3. Clear out the _____.

But let's remember that seeking God comes down to this: Seeking God begins with making and maintaining eye contact with your Heavenly Father. Ref: Psalm 46:10: Psalm 121

My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, Lord, I will seek. (Psalm 27:8)