

AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

Seeking the heart of God means to live according to his priorities. In other words: That which matters most to God becomes that which matters most to you.

In seeking that which matters most to him, and living according to his priorities, we are drawn into a deeper _____ with him.

Seeking God means that we say: God, I need your _____ in my life; I need your _____, your _____, and your _____; *and* I want to live my life according to your _____, because that which matters most to you, matters most to me.

If you want to seek God's heart...

1. You will love as he loves.

When Jesus was asked which is the greatest of the commandments, his answer was straight and simple and to the point
Ref: Luke 10:27; John 13:35

Love must be the driving force behind all we do. The love of God is not about obligation. It's about _____.

He not only wants us to love him; he also wants us to love others.

Seeking the heart of God means that you live with the attitude that says, "I want to make my life all about love — loving God above all else, and loving others as I love myself."

2. Make your life all about serving others. Ref: Mark 10:43-44

Central to the priorities of God is that you devote your life to serving others, just as Jesus did when he walked this earth.
Ref: Mark 10:45

Peter is saying that whatever God has given you — in terms of resources, talents, skills, and _____ — you are to use them not for yourself, but for the betterment of others. Ref: 1st Peter 4:10; Matt: 25:40

3. Get serious about living a righteous life Ref: Acts 13:22

His goal for you, believe it or not, is nothing short of _____ — that you become just like his Son, Jesus Christ.
[Romans 8:29]

Our total and permanent transformation won't take place until we've cross the chilly Jordan and entered into his presence. Until that day, he wants us to engage ourselves in the _____ of becoming more like him, every day of our lives.