

## Seeking the Lord- Some steps to Include Topical

1. Protect a reverent heart. It will be more sensitive to God.
2. Seek to maintain spiritual attentiveness to God.
3. List specifically the known needs of your life and ministry, those things for which you are praying and beseeching the Lord for.
4. Look for and define issues of the heart.  
This may be an area of burden or a spiritual question for which you have been seeking an answer.
5. Use sermons as springboards for further study.
6. Allow God to use inquiries and questions of others to challenge your heart. i.e. children's questions, a lost friend's questions, etc.
7. Ask hard questions of the Lord.  
Behold I am the Lord the God of all flesh, Is there anything too hard for me? Jeremiah 32: 27
8. Have a regularly scheduled time to meet with God. It may also be necessary to have extended times to meet with God for certain issues.
9. Cleanse the heart and mind before God.  
Pray 1 John 1: 9; reconcile anything that has interrupted fellowship with God.  
A clean and pure heart is essential to hearing God.  
This must be cleared up before going on in the search for Godly understanding.
10. Bring the heart quiet before God.  
This may require a time of closing out the things of daily persuasion.  
It may include praise singing. It may be Bible verse meditation. It may be reading the Psalms.  
It may be quiet reflection on your needs. It may be adoration of Christ. It may be several things.  
The heart need be quiet to hear God.  
During this time commit all to the Lord Jesus, seeking to honor Him in all things, seeking His will and understanding.
11. Seek the Lord's answers in relationship to specific needs  
Relate prayer to scripture. Seek scriptural authority for your prayers.
12. Listen for God as you study the word of God and as you pray.  
Communication is to be two way.  
God will direct your thoughts and your heart.
13. Keep a written record of God's work and revelation.  
This will encourage your faith and keep your memory sharper.
14. Be expectant in your faith.
15. Pray with thanksgiving even before the answers are manifested.  
An expression of faith.

16. Tarry with God realizing there is a reason even for the tarrying.  
Some of God's greatest lessons come after the passing of a season.

17. Trust God to order your steps, relating those steps to God's word and to your seeking of Him.

18. Thank God specifically for the answers to prayer and the encouragement to your own heart He is bringing.

19. Meditate upon who He is as well as receiving and recording His answers.  
Worship Him and learn of Him.  
Our objective is to learn who He is!

20. Add the learning experience of the time spent in studying the scripture at other times in your life. i.e. studying to teach, just reading the Bible daily.  
Seek to be systematic in that which you are learning.  
See how it fits in to what you have already learned. Ask more questions of God.  
i.e. prayer, faith, decision making, forgiveness, etc.

21. Continue in the life long seeking of His presence and His counsel, being a doer of the word and not just a hearer only. James 1: 22