

# SEEKING GOD IN 2020

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**A. The Problem: Blessings and prosperity can become a spiritual hindrance.** (Deuteronomy 8:1-20)

In seasons of blessings and prosperity, we tend to forget God, become self-sufficient, and find our joy in God's blessings rather than God.

**B. My Prayer: We would seek God above all else in 2020.**  
(Psalm 42:1-2, 63:1, 119:2; Hebrews 11:6)

Seeking God involves:

1. Obedience to God's Laws. (Psalm 119:2)
2. Our hearts. (Psalm 119:2)
3. Action. (Acts 17:24-27)
4. Priorities, putting God first. (Matthew 6:24, 33)
5. Death to self. (Luke 14:25-27)

## C. The Plan: Seek God together in 2020.

1. Pray for one another. (Ephesians 3:14-19)
2. Seek God in the context of the gospel. (Hebrews 10:19-22)
3. Invite others to spur us on in seeking God.  
(Hebrews 10:24-25)
4. Seek God through His Word.

“God has chosen in this age to reveal himself to the world mainly through the incarnate Word, Jesus Christ, by means of the written Word, the Bible... Oh, how precious is the Bible! Here is where we see God most clearly and most surely.”

John Piper, *When I Don't Desire God*, Crossway, Wheaton, IL, 2013, p. 96.

5. Seek God by removing the idols in our lives.  
(2 Chronicles 14:2-6)

*“Father, I want to know Thee, but my cowardly heart fears to give up its toys. I cannot part with them without inward bleeding, and I do not try to hide them from Thee the terror of the parting. I come trembling, but I do come. Please root from my heart all those things which I have cherished so long and which have become a very part of my living self, so that Thou mayest enter and dwell there without a rival. Then shalt Thou make the place of Thy feet glorious. Then shall my heart have no need of the sun to shine in it, for Thyself wilt be the light of it, and there shall be no night there. In Jesus' name, Amen.”*

A. W. Tozer, *The Pursuit of God*, Christian Publications, Inc., Camp Hill, PA, 1982, p. 31.

### Suggestions:

1. Download YouVersion Bible app
2. Read *The Pursuit of God* by A. W. Tozer (\$6)
3. Read *Knowing God* by J. I. Packer (\$10)
4. Read *When I Don't Desire God* by John Piper (\$12)
5. Read *Experiencing God* by Henry Blackaby (\$8)
6. Read *Prayer: Does it Make a Difference?* by Phillip Yancey