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I. The Need

- A. Stability
- B. Fullness of joy

II. The Answer

- A. The presence of God
 - 1. Presence (defined) – Face, nearness, anointing, grace, ability, and enablement.
 - 2. Stability
 - a. **Psalm 16:8** – Set the Lord continually before you, and you shall not be moved.
 - b. **Psalm 91:1** – *He Who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall remain stable and fixed under the shadow of the Almighty...*
 - 3. Joy

Psalm 16:11 – In Your presence is fullness of joy.

III. Priorities

- A. God demands first place in your life.
 - 1. **Matthew 6:33** – Seek **first** the kingdom.

First (defined) – In time, place, order, or importance.
Chiefly at the beginning.

2. **Matthew 8:19-21** – I'll follow You, Jesus; but **first** let me care for my father.
3. **Luke 14:16-26** – Many were invited who made excuses not to come. Jesus said, "If I'm not **FIRST** (more important than anything else), you cannot be My disciple."
4. **Luke 10:38-42** – Mary and Martha (Martha had her priorities out of line).

B. Count the cost.

1. **Luke 14:28** – Who would try to build a building without first sitting down to calculate the cost?
2. Many are called, but few are chosen – many are called, but few are willing to take the responsibility for the call.
3. When God calls you into something, He calls you out of something.
 - a. Example: **Moses** – **Exodus 33:11-23**
 - b. **Exodus 34:28-33** – He stood in God's presence, and God's glory shone on his face so bright that he had to wear a veil.
 - c. **Hebrews 11:24-25** – Moses chose a life of hardship in order to obey God rather than the fleeting enjoyment of a sinful life.

IV. Seeking

- A. **Psalm 27:4** – One thing should be sought.
 1. **Seek** – Require as VITAL.

2. **VITAL** means you will die without it.
- B. Require God as a **VITAL** necessity.
1. Examples:
 - a. Kidney machine
 - b. Pacemaker
 - c. Minister's meeting
- C. **Seek** – Put your MIND on.
1. **Colossians 3:1-2** – Seek things above (higher things) by keeping your mind set on what is above.
 2. Example: If a person is said to be self-seeking, that person has his MIND on himself most of the time.

V. God is a Jealous God.

- A. **James 4:4-5** – *You [are like] unfaithful wives [having illicit love affairs with the world . . .*
1. How would your spouse respond if you said you loved him/her but spent most of your time with someone else, thinking about someone else, and talking about someone else?
- B. **James 4:6** – You choose to put God first. He will give you grace.
1. Determination alone isn't sufficient.
 2. You need grace.
- C. Divine jealousy
1. **Exodus 20:1-5** – Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.
 2. **Deuteronomy 6:15** – *For the Lord your God in the midst of you is a jealous God . . .*

- D. What kind of things is God jealous of?
1. People:
 - a. Advice
 - b. People-pleasers
 2. Things we own:

How do you behave if something is lost or damaged that means a lot to you?
 3. Job position

VI. Desires

- A. Seek God's face – not His hand.
1. Remember, **presence** means face.
- B. Seek to know Him and His ways. Seek to be like Jesus.
1. **Exodus 33:13** – Moses
 2. **Philippians 3:10** – Paul
- C. **Psalms 37:4** – *Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He will give you the desires ... of your heart.*
1. **Matthew 6:33** – Seek the kingdom. He will add the things.
 2. (Share some examples.)
- D. **Deuteronomy 8:3** – Man shall not live by bread alone.
1. **John 6:47-58** – Jesus is the Living Bread.
 2. **John 7:37-39** – Jesus is the Living Water.

3. **Psalm 42:1-2** – As the deer pants for the water brooks,
so my soul pants and longs for You, oh my God.

VII. Mirage

- A. **Isaiah 49:8-10**
- B. **Jeremiah 2:13** – Empty wells

VIII. Purity In Prayer

- A. Do you pray for the inner man as much as the outer man?
(See list of Prayers For The Inner Man on page six.)
- B. **II Corinthians 4:8-18** – Paul said his problems didn't bother
him because he looked to eternal things rather than temporal
– the inner rather than the outer.

IX. Closing Thoughts

- A. We need stability and joy.
- B. It comes through dwelling in the presence of God.
- C. Dwelling in the presence of God comes through right choices
and right priorities.
- D. We must understand that dwelling in the presence of God
is a **VITAL NECESSITY**.
- E. God is jealous.
- F. Seek His face, not His hand.
- G. Man cannot live by bread alone.
- H. When you are thirsty, be careful that you are not deceived by mirages.
- I. Pray for the inner man.

PRAYER FOR THE INNER MAN

- Ephesians 3:16** Strengthen me in the inner man.
- Ephesians 3:17** That I may be rooted deep in love and founded securely on love.
- Ephesians 3:18** Let me grasp God's love – the breadth and length and height and depth of it.
- Ephesians 3:19** That I might be filled through all my being with the fullness of God.
- Ephesians 3:19** That I might become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself.
- Philippians 3:10** That I may "know" Him and the power of His resurrection.
- Ephesians 1:17** That He might grant me a spirit of wisdom and revelation.
- Ephesians 1:18** That the eyes of my heart be flooded with light.
- Ephesians 1:19** That I might know the greatness of His power in me.
- Philippians 1:10** That I may learn to sense what is vital and of real value.
- Philippians 1:11** That I may abound and be filled with the fruits of righteousness.
- John 17:12** That He will keep and protect me from the evil one.
(Jesus' prayer)
- Colossians 1:9** That I may know God's will.
- Colossians 1:11-12** That I may be strengthened with all power, [to exercise] every kind of endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks.

