

A Hunger for the Presence of the Lord.
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The word **hunger** means *to crave- long, to earnestly desire, to go after, to pursue.*

PURSUIING GOD IN PRAYER KEEPS US FROM GIVING INTO TEMPTATION.

Matthew 26:37-41-AMP

And taking with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, He began to show grief *and* distress of mind and was deeply depressed.

38 Then He said to them, My soul is very sad *and* deeply grieved, so that I am almost dying of sorrow. **Stay here and keep awake and keep watch with Me.**

39 And going a little farther, He threw Himself upon the ground on His face and prayed saying, My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will [*not what I desire*], but as You will *and* desire.

40 And He came to the disciples and **found them sleeping.** and He said to Peter, What! Are you so utterly unable **to stay awake and keep watch with Me for one hour?**

41 **All of you must keep awake (give strict attention, be cautious and active) and watch and pray, that you may not come into temptation.** The **spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.**

PURSUIING GOD IN PRAYER IS MORE THAN GETTING PHYSICAL NEEDS MET. IT'S BUILDING RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR LORD.

Luke 12:22 -23-AMP

And [*Jesus*] said to His disciples, Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious *and* troubled [*with cares*] about your life, as to what you will [*have to*] eat; or about your body, as to what you will [*have to*] wear.

23 **For life** is more than food, and the body [*more*] than clothes.

Matthew 6:31-34

Therefore do not worry *and* be anxious, saying, What are we going to have to eat? or, What are we going to have to drink? or, What are we going to have to wear?

32 For the Gentiles (heathen) wish for *and* crave *and* diligently seek all these things, and your heavenly Father knows well that you need them all.

33 But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides.

34 So do not worry *or* be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will have worries *and* anxieties of its own. Sufficient for each day is its own trouble.

PURSUIING GOD IN PRAYER BRINGS HIS PRESENCE INTO OUR SITUATIONS.

Acts 11:21-AMP

And the presence of the Lord was with them with power, so that a great number [**learned**] **to believe (to adhere to and trust in and rely on the Lord)** and turned *and* surrendered themselves to Him.

PURSUIING GOD IN PRAYER INCREASES OUR LOVE FOR HIM WITH ALL OF OUR BEING.

Mark 12:30-AMP

And you shall love the Lord your God out of *and* with your whole heart and out of *and* with all your soul (your life) and out of *and* with all your mind (with your faculty of thought and your moral understanding) and out of *and* with all your strength. *This is the first and principal commandment.* [Deut. 6:4-5]

Passion - You are to love the Lord Yahweh, your God, with every passion of your heart, with all the energy of your being, with every thought that is within you, and with all your strength.

Exodus 33:13-15-AMP

Now therefore, I pray You, if I have found favor in Your sight, show me now Your way, **that I may know You** [*progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with You, perceiving and recognizing and understanding more strongly and clearly*] and **that I may find favor in Your sight.** And [*Lord, do*] consider that this nation is Your people.

14 And the Lord said, **My Presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest.**

15 And Moses said to the Lord, **If Your Presence does not go with me, do not carry us up from here!**

Exodus 33:18-19-NLT

18 Moses responded, "Then show me your glorious presence."

19 The LORD replied, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and I will call out my name, Yahweh, before you.