

Let us seek to use, as little as possible, concepts that elevate ourselves in any way.

Let us seek to use concepts that elevate our God as truly and thoroughly as possible.

Let us turn to Him in rest and peace and the silence of solitude as often and as fully as we can.

If worship, or praise, or thanksgiving, or love, or quoting scripture, or singing, or anything else removes our thoughts and concerns from ourselves and turns them to our God and His Christ, then gladly follow that pursuit.

If it turns our attention from the Lord to ourselves, let us reject it as undesirable and even hurtful ... for so long as it does.

Let us seek as often and thoroughly as possible to please our God and give Him pleasure.

How different this is than our natural self-pleasing and selfish pleasure!

But only so is there room in our affections for the God we seek. Even our desire to find God can be for the pleasure it gives us, a form of self-seeking that prevents us reaching that goal.

Let us lose ourselves in our great God who alone demands and deserves the preeminence for the benefit of all.

Only so shall we find Him.

O past and gone! How great is God! How small am I! A mote in the illimitable sky, Amidst the glory deep, and wide, and high.

Of heaven's unclouded sun. 'Tis there to forget myself for evermore; Lost, swallowed up in Love's immensity. The sea that knows no sounding and no shore, God only there, not I.

-Gerhard Tersteegen

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Precious

"Unto you therefore which believe he is precious." - I Peter 2:7

To be precious is to be of great value.

Our Lord Jesus Christ is of greater value than all else added together.

And to say so is such an understatement that it seems patently ridiculous.

He is our savior, redeemer, righteousness, wisdom, sanctifier, priest, king, life, light, truth, peace, hope, God, and heaven-giver.

In those few words are wrapped up the greatest benefits wrought from the most awful losses. From hell in its most unimaginable pain and horror He brings us

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to heaven in all its unimagined joy and bliss. **What could be more precious than He and what He gives?**

Now, how can we treat it ... and Him ... so carelessly, so casually as we often do?

To meditate with utmost gratitude on Him and His precious benefits night and day for a lifetime would not be too much.

Oh, my Lord, forgive me for giving You and your marvelous, gracious, indescribable provision so little attention, so little appreciation. What negligence on my part! What an awful sin!

And then to think that I could heed the evil one's whispered suggestions that seeking You in love is mere unnecessary emotionalism.

No! Far from it. Rather it is the most effective way I can spend time, resulting in the practical redirection of my life patterns.

Let me give myself more and more, then, to seeking our precious Christ in thanksgiving and love, rest and rejoicing.

Our great problem is that we're malcontent with what He allows in our lives.

In this state we cannot pray, we cannot seek Him; we cannot find rest and peace.

Everything is wrong.

To correct this situation, we must be willing to let God do absolutely whatever He wants with our lives without objection.

We need to let go, whatever the circumstances are, into God's hands. Let control go absolutely and totally from our hands into God's hands. **Have no will but His will.**

“Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.”

- Philippians 4:11-13

Indeed, there is nothing for which we more need the almighty power of our precious Christ than to be content in all things!!!

Seeking and Finding

We will never be satisfied in our seeking God, except as we believe we have, to some extent, at least found Him.

This isn't to be equated to a good feeling of some kind . . . nor to tears flowing freely.

We will only really find Him in our searching to the extent to which we lose ourselves in Him. Our self-interest must dissolve into interest in Him.

Anything that furthers this goal should be encouraged.

Anything that detracts should be discouraged.

One of the ways in which we may further this goal is just to quietly open our hearts to Him, allowing Him to reveal Himself to us as He really is ... not mentally but spiritually.

In our conversations with Him, let us watch how many times we use the personal pronouns “I,” “me,” and “mine” versus how many times we use “You.”
