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We must not yearn after, seek, or desire God so vigorously that it becomes but difficult work and deprives us of rest, and peace, and joy.

When we find this happening, we need to stop and rest in the Lord, perhaps in the solitude of silence, even nodding off into sleep if necessary.

But there may be something more going on here. This hard work syndrome may reveal the fact that the application of our hearts and spirits to seeking God has become simply self-effort doomed in advance to failure.



There's always the awful danger that we try to seek God as though it were something we either could or should do on our own. To the contrary, we don't even have any desire to seek the Lord except the desire He places there. If our desire for Him is of us, it's unreal, it's phony!

One day God shook me with the recollection that it is "not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God." (II Corinthians 3:5)

If we set out to seek for God, long for Him, yearn after Him in self-dependence, we can only fail. We will ultimately decide that "it didn't work." And indeed it didn't, we didn't, for we can't ever work a spiritual work successfully on our own . . . Nor, for that matter in actuality, can we do any work with maximum success apart from God. And what fools we are ever to try. Yet we do, and we do, and we do!!

We can only allow God to work in us. And even that He must from the first initiate and enable. If it's a good thing, it is always He Who does the work in us from the beginning and throughout. It is always He Who initiates, enables, empowers. To the extent to which we refuse to allow Him so to do, to that extent our efforts are failures.

Our dependence must be always on Him in all things.

Oh, would to God that we would finally learn this life-lesson.

I need thee, O, I need thee.
Every hour I need thee.
O, bless me now, my Savior.
I come to thee.