

# Diligently Seeking God

There were once two neighbors who both wanted the same style of boat. The first worked hard for the boat he dreamed of having. He saved, budgeted, and worked until finally he could afford what he desired. The second man had no desire to put any effort into working to obtain the boat. He was content to sit around talking about how much he wanted it and how he'd like to have it, but he never raised a finger to receive it. That is, until his neighbor bought his boat; then he decided he could have what the other man had worked so hard to obtain, all he had to do was steal it. As you can imagine, the story ends with one man having the boat he had always wanted. Meanwhile, the other man spends years in prison because he wanted to try to get something without it taking any effort.

Unfortunately, some people act the same way toward spiritual things as this second man did toward obtaining the boat. They want to receive all of the blessings and promises of God, but they do not want to have to do anything to receive them.

The Bible teaches such will not work. It states in Hebrews: "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that comes to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Hebrews 11:6).

It is not enough for a person to simply say they believe in God or want to go to Heaven. That person must believe it and desire it enough to act toward that end. If a person simply believes in God, he is no better than the demons that also believe (James 2:19). If a person simply says he wants to go to Heaven, but does nothing to put himself on that road, he will not find it (Matthew 7:21-23).

Let us diligently seek God and salvation: that by his grace, through our obedience, it might be found. ~~ *Adam Cozort*