



[1 John 1:3](#)

(3) We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

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Someone who is guilt-ridden and conscience-stricken because of [sin](#), rather than seeking fellowship with [God](#), will shy away from Him just as Adam and Eve did. After their sin, they ran, not *to* Him, but *from* Him—they hid from God ([Genesis 3:8-10](#)). Is there a more powerful act that we, as Christians, can do to demonstrate our desire to run to God rather than from Him—to demonstrate the strength of our desire to fellowship—than to [pray always](#)?

A lack of desire to fellowship with God and Christ is a distinctive trait of a [Laodicean](#) ([Revelation 3:18-20](#)). We live in an era when people are apathetic about having a true relationship with God. No professing Christian would admit that he would not care to eat a meal with and fellowship with [Jesus Christ](#), yet He reports that in His own church, some will not rouse themselves to fellowship with Him, though they know that He knocks at the door. By their inaction, they choose *not* to fellowship with Him.

In fact, they are so far from Him that they do not even see their need! A terrible cycle of cause-and-effect is created: no awareness of need, no desire; no desire, no prayer; no prayer, no relationship; no relationship, no awareness of need. It runs in a vicious circle.

God offers us, not just endless life, but even more—eternal, close fellowship with Him. That is part of our reward as firstfruits ([Revelation 3:12](#), 21). But how does God know if we want to fellowship with Him forever? How can He determine about us, as He said about Abraham in [Genesis 22:12](#): "Now I *know*"? Simply, if we are earnestly seeking fellowship with Him *right now*, in this life, our actions prove—just as Abraham's actions were proof—that we sincerely desire to fellowship with Him forever.

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What is the major way God gives us to show our desire for eternal fellowship with Him? Prayer! Through prayer, especially praying always, we are consciously deciding to place ourselves in God's presence—to have fellowship with Him and to acknowledge our vital need for Him.

As an example of this, David writes in [Psalm 27:8](#): "When You said, 'Seek My face,' my heart said to You, 'Your face, Lord, I will seek.'" *The Amplified Bible* expands the idea of "seek My face" as "inquire for and require My presence as your vital need." In *everything* we say or do, we are to acknowledge His presence in our lives and give thanks for it ([Colossians 3:17](#)). Our praying always should also include thanksgiving to God for the many blessings He provides to sustain us, prosper us, and perfect us.

Considering this idea of eternal fellowship, it should come as no surprise that by striving to pray always we are in training to do now what we will be doing for eternity—closely fellowshiping with God. It is one reason why we have been called and elected by God—that we might have fellowship with the Father and the Son ([Revelation 3:12](#), 21; [John 17:24](#)).

— Pat Higgins

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