

In order to become men of significance we *must* be actively involved in His plan. God's ultimate plan for planet earth can be distilled into one sentence:

“That an invisible God is made visible in the actions of those who fellowship with His Son Jesus.”

Life Implication:

Unless I stop pursuing the god I want and start pursuing the God who is, I will never experience *real* success in my life. We must retreat from *cultural Christianity* and discover a deeper personal relationship with our Father in heaven.

On the opposite page you will find a list of twenty signs that you are pursuing the God you want. On a scale of one - ten you may want to rate each area and determine what you will need to do to turn the lower scores around.

Pursuing the God who is will cost something. There is no room for compromise with God. He has a specific plan for us and wants us to see it.

I find it interesting that the meanest life, the poorest existence, is attributed to God's will, but as human beings become more affluent, as their living standard and style begin to ascend the material scale, God descends the scale of responsibility at a commensurate speed.

Maya Angelou

Those who set out to serve both God and Mammon soon discover that there isn't a God.

Logan Pearsall Smith

James 4:8 *Come near to God and He will come near to you.*

Twenty Signs You Are Pursuing The God You Want

1. Prayer ceases to be a vital part of your life
2. The desire for Bible truth ceases and you are content with knowledge already acquired
3. Bible knowledge is treated as external fact and not applied in practice
4. Earnest thought about eternal things ceases to be regular and gripping
5. Church services lose their delight and there is no music in your soul or song in your heart
6. Pointed spiritual discussions are an embarrassment
7. The need for recreation and entertainment has become a large and controlling part of your life
8. Sin in your life can be indulged without and uproar in your conscience
9. Aspirations for Christ-likeness does not dominate your life or thinking
10. There is a preoccupation with acquiring money and goods
11. You can mouth Christian songs and words without it touching your heart
12. You hear the Lord's name used in vain—spiritual concerns mocked—and are not moved with pain and indignation
13. You allow yourself to watch degrading movies and television and read literature that is debilitating
14. A lack of unity in the Body of Christ does not concern you
15. You readily adjust to the world's culture and lifestyle—avoiding spiritual duty and opportunity
16. You are content with your lack of spiritual power and do not seek the Holy Spirit for renewal
17. You pardon your own sin and sloth by saying the Lord understands that I am dust
18. Injustice and human misery exists around you and you do little or nothing to relieve the suffering
19. You are willing to cheat your employer in various ways and excuse the behavior as no different from what others do
20. Your tears are dried up and your cold spiritual condition cannot unleash them