



# Morning Glory!

Oh God, thou art my God;  
Early will I seek thee:  
My soul thirsteth for thee

Psalm 63:1



## **In It to Win It!**

**“Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize?  
So run that you may obtain.”**

**1 Corinthians 9:24**

Ever been to a concert, sporting event, open mic event, or talent show and discover that there was a particular person who distinguished him or herself from the rest? Maybe it was an athlete or dancer or speaker or musician, designer or some other form of artist who performed in such a way that caused you to say “wow!” I have met and observed people like this. There is a fire about them, an aura if you will, that “something” that sets them apart, causes them to stand out, and distinguishes them from the rest. We marvel at them, not necessarily because of what they do, but we marvel at HOW they do it. So too does God have an eye for those who pay uncommon homage to Him and whose faithfulness is extraordinary.

***We like to say that God is no respecter of persons, and this is true,  
for everyone is of the same value to God. We are all equally loved and adored by God.  
However, never think that God is not discerning, discriminating, and determined  
in His efforts to spot, recognize, protect, and honor  
those who are seeking to distinguish themselves for Him.  
Never forget, God IS a respecter of quality, and of excellence, and of honorable service and  
commitment that He finds within persons.***

Scriptures reveal that God searches to and fro looking through the land for what I call “standouts”, whose hearts are perfect toward Him, whose sincerity is pure, so that He might show Himself strong on their behalf. Therefore, in our walk of faith, HOW we serve God is just as important as the fact that we do serve God.

***No time remains for “shuckin’ and jivin’” in our ministries, our callings, and our gifting.  
The stakes are too high. The need is too great.  
The crises is all too real and has encroached upon us.  
Follow your vision with courage and boldness.  
If you’re going to be in it, then for God’s sake, be in to win it!***

**Pray this:**

**Lord of glory, cause me to live and serve in such a way that sets me apart  
and catches Your eye. Today, may I be the one You draw near to work through.  
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