You Can't Keep A Captive's Desires When You Have A Deliverer's Destiny!

"Our desires always disappoint us; for though we meet with something that gives us satisfaction, yet it never thoroughly answers our expectation."

"Be careful what you set your heart upon for it will surely be yours."

Mk 11:24 Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

Mat 7:7 - "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

Heb 11:6 - And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

In order for asking to qualify you for receiving, it must be in the attitude of faith based on the Word and will of God!

Receiving what you chased after doesn't necessarily mean you are getting what you need!

It is very possible for you to ask for the wrong things, and get them simply because you pursue them in the flesh!

1Sam. 8:4-22

- 4. So all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah.
- 5. They said to him, "You are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have."
- 6. But when they said, "Give us a king to lead us," this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the LORD.
- 7. And the LORD told him: "Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king.
- 8. As they have done from the day I brought them up out of Egypt until this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are doing to you.

- 9. Now listen to them; but warn them solemnly and let them know what the king who will reign over them will do."
- 10. Samuel told all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king.
- 11. He said, "This is what the king who will reign over you will do: He will take your sons and make them serve with his chariots and horses, and they will run in front of his chariots.
- 12. Some he will assign to be commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and others to plow his ground and reap his harvest, and still others to make weapons of war and equipment for his chariots.
- 13. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers.
- 14. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive groves and give them to his attendants.
- 15. He will take a tenth of your grain and of your vintage and give it to his officials and attendants.
- 16. Your menservants and maidservants and the best of your cattle and donkeys he will take for his own use.
- 17. He will take a tenth of your flocks, and you yourselves will become his slaves.
- 18. When that day comes, you will cry out for relief from the king you have chosen, and the LORD will not answer you in that day."
- 19. But the people refused to listen to Samuel. "No!" they said. "We want a king over us.
- 20. Then we will be like all the other nations, with a king to lead us and to go out before us and fight our battles."
- 21. When Samuel heard all that the people said, he repeated it before the LORD.
- 22. The LORD answered, "Listen to them and give them a king."

It is possible to gain the world, and lose your soul!

It is possible to be so preoccupied with the good things that we can get from God that we forget all about him!

Jer. 2:32 - Does a maiden forget her jewelry, a bride her wedding ornaments? Yet my people have forgotten me, days without number.

It is possible to lose the presence and the operation of the Holy Spirit in your life, and not even know it.

Judges 16:15-21

- 15. Then she said to him, "How can you say, `I love you,' when you won't confide in me? This is the third time you have made a fool of me and haven't told me the secret of your great strength."
- 16. With such nagging she prodded him day after day until he was tired to death.
- 17. So he told her everything. "No razor has ever been used on my head," he said, "because I have been a Nazirite set apart to God since birth. If my head were shaved, my strength would leave me, and I would become as weak as any other man."
- 18. When Delilah saw that he had told her everything, she sent word to the rulers of the Philistines, "Come back once more; he has told me everything." So the rulers of the Philistines returned with the silver in their hands.
- 19. Having put him to sleep on her lap, she called a man to shave off the seven braids of his hair, and so began to subdue him. And his strength left him.
- 20. Then she called, "Samson, the Philistines are upon you!" He awoke from his sleep and thought, "I'll go out as before and shake myself free." But he did not know that the LORD had left him.
- 21. Then the Philistines seized him, gouged out his eyes and took him down to Gaza. Binding him with bronze shackles, they set him to grinding in the prison.

It is possible to have more than you've ever had, and be less than you've ever been!

It is possible to be living your dream, while Gods dream for you dies!

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Don't make the mistake of exercising the privilege of prayer for PROVISION outside of the Father's SUPERVISION!

Pr. 1:32 KJV- For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.

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Children want what they want because they want it, but mature adults want what they want because they need it and because it's good for them and others!

At least that's the way it's supposed to be!

1 Cor. 13:11 - When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me.

What Paul is saying is, a child processes everything through a "please and satisfy self" mentality.

Maturity = Giving up the better seat, the best praise or the biggest brownie to someone else!

Spiritual babies are only concerned about themselves... Spiritually mature people want to know how, they can help others!

What you want from God, will define whether you are spiritually immature, or whether you have become spiritually mature!

Your number one desire should be for his kingdom to come and his will to be done in your life!

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What might be right for one may be wrong for another solely based on each of their motives!

James 4:3 - When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

You may just forcibly take it or do something to make it happen, but you will not RECIEVE it from God!

Mt. 6:33 - "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these other things shall be added unto you".

The Bible says in Ps. 37:4 - Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Delight = (Heb. - aw-nag') - to be soft or pliable

The key to receiving our hearts desire, is to make "pleasing God" our hearts desire!

When the King and his kingdom are the number one desire of our lives we have just stepped onto fertile praying ground!

Lk. 12:32 - "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been <u>pleased</u> to give you the kingdom.

The quickest way to receive from God, is to find out what God wants to give and ask for that!

Kingdom blessings must never take the place of the presence of the King Himself!

1 Jn. 14-15

- 14. This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.
- 15. And if we know that he hears us--whatever we ask--we know that we have what we asked of him.

So let me ask you again...

Acts 17:24-27

- 24. "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands.
- 25. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else.
- 26. From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live.
- 27. God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us.

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