

What do you want?

Have you ever had the misfortune of coming up to someone who is really busy, stressed out, or extremely angry (which you are unaware of) to ask them something, and they turn around to you and say *"What do you want?"* like they want to rip your head off? Certainly not a pleasant experience, and in the future, it makes you think twice before asking them anything else. Unfortunately, many Christians view God this way - they think He is too busy with "important" matters and surely doesn't have time for whatever their needs might be.

I guess Jesus would be the authority on this, and in Matthew 6:8b He said *...your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.*" (NKJV) To my understanding, that means no matter how large or how small our need is, God knows it already - all we have to do is present it to Him! Hebrews 4:16 says that because of what Jesus did we can: *"...therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."* (NKJV) Not only can we come to God, we can come to Him boldly, knowing He is waiting to help us!

In Mark 10:51, blind Bartimaeus called out to Jesus boldly, and look what happened! Jesus didn't glare at him and shout *"What do you want?"* Instead, He stopped walking, beckoned Bartimaeus to come to Him, and said *"What do you want me to do for you?"* (NIV) Merriam-Webster defines the word "want" this way: *"...to be needy or destitute..."*. God created us to be needy! I often quote A. W. Tozer, and I'll do it again: *"God waits to be wanted."* He wants to be needed! He wants us to come to Him with our needs!

Listen to what 2 Peter 1:3 says: *"His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of Him..."* So...we need His salvation, but that's just for starters. We also need wisdom and understanding, we need strength, we need faith, we need hope, we need peace, we need healing, we need protection, and on and on. It's our **knowledge** of Him, and who we are in Him, that unlocks His divine power within us - then we have access to **everything**.

I can't say it any better than Jesus did in Luke 11:9-10: *So I say to you, ask and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.*" If Jesus paused on His journey to help a blind beggar, don't you think He will be just as eager to help us when we boldly bring our needs to Him? Amen!