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“Ask”

“If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.” (John 14:14)

Yours for the Asking

Philippians 4:6-7 – (6) “do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. (7) And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Joshua 15:16-19 – (16) “And Caleb said, ‘Whoever strikes Kiriath-sepher and captures it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter as wife.’ (17) And Othniel the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, captured it. And he gave him Achsah his daughter as wife. (18) When she came to him, she urged him to ask her father for a field. And she got off her donkey, and Caleb said to her, ‘What do you want?’ (19) She said to him, ‘Give me a blessing. Since you have given me the land of the Negeb, give me also springs of water.’ And he gave her the upper springs and the lower springs.”

Key Point: The Asker Enjoys God’s Willingness to Give

Considerations:

Persistency Precedes Procurement

“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 the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.”

(Matthew 7:7-8)

Triumph through Time Trials

“When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, ‘Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you.’ And Elisha said, ‘Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me.’ And he said, ‘You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so.” (2 Kings 2:9-10)

Diseased Desires Denied

**“You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly (*kakos* - *disease, sickly*), to spend it on your passions. You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, ‘He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us?’”
(James 4:3-5)**

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message?

Do I realize how ready and willing God is to bless a faithful petitioner?

How do I keep my desires from being toxic? (Ps. 37:4-5)

Did God’s graciousness end at salvation? (Rom. 8:32)

Is God’s graciousness limited to my petitions? (Eph. 3:20)