

# S.O.H.L. (06/1/09)

## WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

*Pronounced "Soul"*

# Be Careful For What You Ask For!

Be careful for what you ask for, why? Many will say "If I asked for it, I should get it! Besides, did not God say He will give us our hearts desire?" Yes, God did say that, but many don't know that this statement has a condition. If God just gave us what we wanted, we the people of God would be in a mess! We read a passage in the bible such as "God will give us our hearts desire" and automatically we think "that's it." I thank God that He loves us like He does. So, what are the conditions? God gives us three scriptures with key words we must focus on.

**Matthew 6:33** NASB – (33) But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

**Matthew 7:7-11** NASB – (7) Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. (8) For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. (9) Or what man is there among you who, when his son asks for a loaf, will give him a stone? (10) Or if he asks for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he? (11) If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!

**Matthew 6:8** NASB – (8) So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.

Again, God gives us three scriptures with key words we must focus on. The key words are in the green and we can't just approach the key words any kind of way. To ask, seek, knock or to "respect and reverence "God must be genuine! When we know we have no intentions to be genuine, we make up in our mind to get it our way. We then get what we ask for and we truly don't need it and it was never in the will of God. My brothers and sisters, read again **Matthew 6:8**. He knows what's best therefore; let's not try to do it our way. The bible tells us that the Israelites wanted a king to lead them instead of God (**1 Samuel 8:7-9**), God gave them their hearts desire and the king they desired did evil in the sight of the Lord. In **Genesis 15**, God promised Abraham a son, but his wife could not wait, so she had her husband to sleep with her maid (**chapter 16**) just to get a child before God's blessing! She did it her way and God allowed another woman to bare a child from her husband. It caused confusion in the household. The bible tells us that God is not the author of confusion!

So, why do so many say that they prayed and they did not receive their hearts desire? **James 4:1-4** NASB – (1) What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members? (2) You lust and do not have; so you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask. (3) You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures. (4) You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Again, the key word is underlined.

Why would God bless you with a mate, when you demonstrate that you don't have self-control and integrity before marriage? Why would God bless you with that car that you want, when you struggle(d) to pay for the last one you purchase? Why should God bless you with a job when you have shown you are not really interested and perhaps you can't keep one? Why should God appoint you to lead a ministry when your attitude does not display Christ? But some of us go out and make it happen our way and God tells us the consequences for not listening to Him in **Romans 1:22-32**. My brothers and sisters, "Be Careful For What You Ask For!"

### SCRIPTURE READING

JOB 38:4

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

It's not about what you want, but what you need.

