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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

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Needs vs. Wants

PHILIPPIANS 4:17-19 NKJV- (17) Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account. (18) Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things *sent* from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God. (19) **And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.**

Delivering a package to a restaurant, I recall the owner asking if I would like something to drink. It was very hot that day and I was sweating pretty hard! Seeing an "ice-cold Coca Cola" in the ice chest, I could hear it calling my name! But, I knew that was not what I needed. Instead, I took a bottle of water. Why? Well, the Coca Cola was what I wanted. The water was what I needed.

The above verse is one of the most quoted and perhaps misquoted of all Bible verses, a close second to, "We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us" (**Phil 4:13**). Often scriptures are merged, mixed up and misinterpreted, as is "God will supply every need of yours" and these riches are immeasurable because they are "according to His riches." Who has deeper pockets than God? Yet, note His statement that He will supply our every need, not our every greed. It is easy to seek riches but the true riches are found in "Christ Jesus" and not in the world's wealth. Our treasures are not in this world but in the world to come where rust, moths, or decay cannot touch them.

This is not to say that God will not give you what you want. Take heed and be careful of what you ask using this one question to help you in your prayers....

"How will this glorify my Father?"

SCRIPTURE READING
MATTHEW 6:19-20

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Some people don't read the bible because it might scare the **HELL** out of them!