

Yeshua encourages us consistently to be persistent in our dialogue with Him



7 "Keep asking, 8 For everyone who asks (and keeps on asking) receives, and the one who searches (and keeps on searching) finds, and to the one who knocks (and keeps on knocking), the door will be opened. 9 What man among you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? 11 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask Him! Matthew 7:7-11

Ask & Keep on Asking

This morning in my prayer time, I kept coming back to the verses above and thinking about the persistent nature of biblical prayer. I had just had greater dawnings in a couple of areas that I had been asking God for help with for some time. These glimmers gave me a greater measure of encouragement and confidence. As I was grateful and more tender in my heart I thought about the above verses and my continued need for persistence in my relationship with Him...especially related to other areas that I don't yet have any answers. He promises to give us good things if we continue asking, searching,

and knocking on closed doors; but He is to be our ultimate greatest Prize which seems to be part of the reason for the delays. He consistently proclaims His desire to help us, give us good things, and that He is for us. Our responsibility is to keep at it...with "it" being our interaction with Him. I think a significant part of the reason for this needed persistence is that God doesn't want to be just a lever on a heavenly vending machine, but really wants relationship and partnership with us.

Do you remember that our destiny is ruling with Yeshua (Daniel 7:27), judging angels (1 Cor. 6:3), administering jurisdiction over cities (Luke 19:15-19), and much more? If our future is that glorious and weighty, then a part of the present need for persistently drawing near to Him by asking, seeking, and knocking would seem to relate to a laboratory of growing in our relationship with Him in preparation for these coming tasks.

I have several examples of God personally answering prayers that were persistently prayed for for a long time along with other examples of God ultimately saying no to my requests. Because of a track record of faithfulness through the biblical storyline as well as my own life, even in the no's, I've often seen signs of His tenderness and blessing which still gives me confidence in His goodness and mercy towards me.

So dear saints, let's not give up asking, searching, and knocking. He is for us; He sees our struggles; our pain is something He can relate to and is something we will ultimately get credit for in His gracious economy. Yeshua promises that the solutions will surely come if we don't give up...and He is the ultimate, greatest Solution who will someday soon return for us. If He is our over-riding desire then our other joys and disappointments will fall into a proper place. And, if we're growing weary, let's enlist the help of another friend or two to join with us on the journey, as we were not intended to travel this path alone.