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Just Ask!

Remember when you were a child, and how excited you got when Christmastime was nearing? You spent hours sifting through the pages of that seemingly gigantic Sears Christmas Catalog, listing all the things you wanted for Christmas and never really sure which ones to ask for from you parents.

But then that excitement started to wane as you thought about your family's financial situation. You remembered the hardships your parents faced as the bills mounted and they struggled to put food on the table and keep a roof over your head. Suddenly, you became aware of what that Christmas catalog really represented and accepted the truth that it was really no more than what the company that published the book had called it.

It was a "wish book." And though it was chock full of things you desired, just asking for them brought you no closer to actually receiving them.

Thankfully, that's not the case when it comes to the Book your Heavenly Father has given you. The Bible is filled with God's promises of blessing and abundance, and He is just waiting for you to take ownership of them. In fact, He said in John 15:7, New International Version, "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.

Giving is the very nature of God. He proved that when He gave mankind the most precious gift anyone could ever give—His Son, Jesus—so that we could have eternal life and renewed fellowship with Him. And today, He continues His giving ways by fulfilling all our desires and supplying all our needs. He knows that your love for Him would not allow you to ask for anything foolish or prideful, so feel at ease and do not hesitate to ask Him for what you need or desire. Because you delight in doing what He wants, He delights in giving you your heart's desire (Psalm 37:4).

Don't wait until Christmas to ask God for what you want or need. He desires for you to come to Him at anytime. He wants you to be completely happy. So feel free to ask Him for whatever it is you need. And then believe that He will give it to you.

If it's His will that you have it, He will give it to you.

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