

God Responds to Our Need
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And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. "Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him. Matthew 6:7-8

God views our needs with love and compassion. The Word says that He knows all of our needs, which means He probably knows all of our wants, too. What we "need" might not be what we really NEED.

Is it okay for us to pray for our wants? Do we have a right to be disappointed if those prayers aren't answered? How can we determine a want vs. a need?

"Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Matthew 6:25-26

We are valuable to God and He responds to our need with sufficiency not deficiency. Share a testimony about how God has provided for your needs.

God made us to have a dependency on Him. The world sees this as a weakness and puts an emphasis on independence. There is a certain pride people have when they say they can "stand on their own two feet" but God loves when we depend on Him because it means we are drawing closer to Him.

Are there areas in your life where you could be more dependent on God?

He who observes the wind will not sow, and he who regards the clouds will not reap. Ecclesiastes 11:4

Farmers need to eat. They can pray for a harvest all they want, but if they never plant any seeds, how can they expect any fruit? Sometimes the answer to our prayers are a result of the seeds we've planted. Let's not be so focused on the need that we forget about the seed.

Prayer: Lord, we thank you for providing for us and preserving us. Our lives could have taken many different paths but you have kept us and we are here today seeking after you. Help us to see opportunity to plant seeds and give us the same compassion towards others as you have shown to us. In Jesus name, Amen.