

NEEDS (vs GREEDS)

God as our Father is vitally interested in supplying all our NEEDS but his Word clearly tells us that it is not our greeds

James 4:3 'When you ask you do not receive because you ask with wrong motives that you may spend what you get on your own pleasures (ie selfish greeds are not needs)

1 John 5:14 '...if we ask anything **according to His will** he hears us and if we know that he hears us whatever we ask we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of him'

Phil 4:19 'My God ... will supply all **your needs** (according to) from his glorious riches which have been given to us in Christ Jesus'

Mat 6:31-33 'Do not worry for your heavenly Father knows that you **need** them (food, clothing, etc)

Vs 33 'seek first his kingdom his kingdom and his righteousness and all **these things (ie needs)** will be given to you as well'

Mat 7:9-11 'Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for fish will he give him a snake? (**ie needs**)....How much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!'

Luke 11:13 'How much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'..... ie our spiritual **need**

Luke 11:8 Persistent prayer... 'yet because of the mans boldness (persistence) he will get up and give him as much as he **needs**'

Note The context of requests to God for 'things' in prayer is almost always in the area of needs.....and the implication is that where it seems to be open it still only applies to needs (James 4:3) or to enable us to have abundantly so that we can be generous

**IT IS NOT GOD WHO HERE TO SERVE US...WE SERVE HIM
HE IS NOT OUR GOD BECAUSE OF WHAT WE CAN GET
FROM HIM BUT BECAUSE OF WHO HE IS AND WHAT HE
HAS DONE FOR US IN CHRIST**

Eph 1:3 'Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realm with every spiritual blessing in Christ'