

The One Must Have!

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The only thing everyone *must have* is generally not known! Very few people in the world are aware of the one thing that would make them happy, contented, and assured of the future. From the day of our birth, we are not aware of what our attitude should *be* and what our one need really *is*. If we made a long list of wants—the one thing of major importance would be missing.

We could think that some *answer* to prayer or some *manifestation* of divine power is what we need—but it is not the *one must have*! We could think that such an experience would perfect our *faith*; give inner *peace*; and enable us to *trust* God for anything—but experiences *can* become idols—something we could *depend* on for the next victory.

It is a *blessing* to receive an encouraging answer to prayer, or to experience God's power in seeing a change we prayed for, but the all-important need is *knowing God*. To *know* Him is to *trust* Him—which means to *love* Him with all our *heart, soul, mind, and strength* Mark 12:30. It is to talk with Him personally and privately—that is the *one important* thing.

Most people think that *money* would make them happy. Millions go into serious financial debt in their quest for a *must have*—like higher education that would eventually result in a higher salary. *That*, they reason, is their *one must have* in life. Others may remarry—hoping *that* is the

answer—but the happiness they seek is generally not the result.

God often allows us to *have* things we think we *want*, so that we can learn that those things do *not* bring the satisfaction we thought they would. Our *only need* and *must have* is God Himself. The human heart needs something to *love*—it is our *nature* to be that way. We are not happy unless we have someone or something to love.

Any *human* object of our love can change, however, and when it *does* change, we are unhappy. Loving some *thing* or *someone* on earth can later prove to be a big disappointment.

Money is needed to *buy* things and to *do* things, but if our primary goal in life is to *make* more money, it will prove to be a *curse* instead of a *blessing*. Money never has, nor ever will, make people supremely happy—at least not for long. It can buy a new car, designer clothes, expensive foods, and a house in the suburbs, but these are all temporary at best.

Money *cannot* buy peace; *cannot* forgive sins; *cannot* make someone treat us right; *cannot* purchase a divine nature; and *cannot* guarantee eternal life. Although people may obtain fame, fortune, power, and influence, these things always prove a disappointment in the final analysis.

Having God—Who is *perfect* in love; Who *never* changes; Who never loves someone else *more* than He does us; Who is *infinite* in wisdom; is always *merciful* and ready to *forgive*; Who has *unlimited* power, so “*All things are possible*” with Him Matthew 19:26; Who can *create* anything we need; and is always *with us* and by our side—**He is our one Real Need—He is our Must Have in life!**

Only God can deliver us from *anxiety*; eliminate *fear*; take away *doubt* and *shield* us from Satan's torments. God is the only One who can take

resentment out of our heart; *deliver* us from unbelief and *open* our eyes to His Truth. Only *God* can do this—*money* cannot.

If money *is* the supreme *object* of our heart, it really just multiplies the *power* of the devil. 1 Timothy 6:9 “*They that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.*”

Our only need—concerning good health and divine healing, is to have the great God of the universe—Who is limitless in *love, mercy, and power*; Who is the *Maker* of the human body, to be by our side; ready to *forgive* our sins and to *heal* our afflictions—without cost. 1 Peter 2:24 “*Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.*” Isaiah 53:5.

Many people wish they had wealthy parents who would buy them anything they desired—a new sports car; the *latest* cell phone; *designer* clothing; *top-of-the-line* sound system; eating at the *best* restaurants, and *season passes* for luxury boxes at sporting events. Even though many long to *have* rich parents, we *already have* the living God Ephesians 2:4 “*Who is rich in mercy*” with us; Who *is* our Father, and Who *wants* us to be heirs of His wealth.

We can approach our heavenly Father at any time of the day or night to obtain the supplies we need—even though very *few* really *believe* that. James 4:2 “*Ye have not, because ye ask not.*” Most people would rather be cold, hungry, and lack clothing, rather than trust God in faith.

Even though the majority of people will not trust God for anything, it does not alter the fact that the Maker of Heaven and earth—with immense wealth to supply every need and take care of every interest—who feeds the ravens and clothes the lilies, and who does not let a sparrow

to fall without His permission, is by our side every moment.

Matthew 6:31-33 “*Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ‘For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.’*”

The believer has equal inheritance rights with Christ—to God’s entire wealth—all of His spiritual, physical, and monetary blessings. Our only need and *must have* then; is to *know* the true God—who *made* everything and *owns* everything. God is waiting to *do* things for us, so we are to *let* Him *do* them—by learning how to *access* those blessings.

He *is* who He *says* He is; He is with us today and His services are free—we have *unlimited access* to Him. Contentment and satisfaction can only be enjoyed when God is the supreme object of our life. A personal relationship with God is linked to getting rid of self. The more self *dies in* us, the more God is *revealed to* us. The ultimate reward of this faith, trust, and knowing God, is eternal life.

Multitudes believe the *facts* of the Bible, but do not trust the *God* of the Bible. They are *not* willing to get rid of the idols they have in place. Just *believing* that the crucifixion of Christ took place—but not *trusting* on what His shed Blood *accomplished*—will take millions of people to the flames—that is the worst fate imaginable!

We are appalled by the horrible things happening in the world—serious crimes, terrorism, mass shootings, car bombs, war, murders, kidnappings, assaults, and assassinations—but as horrible as they are, they *pale* in comparison to the horrifying fate of eternal Hell fire. Unless *self dies* in us, and we come to know God as He really is, we would not *enter* Heaven.

The first condition of *knowing* God is a *forgiven* heart—forgiven because we truly *repented*; we *confessed* our sins; we *removed* wrong ways and *eliminated* unscriptural attitudes we had; and because we are not allowing any idol to take God’s place in our life. The moment we permit anything that would *defile* our conscience, we are no longer *pure in heart*. When our conscience is *defiled*, God’s Truth is *obstructed*.
Matthew 5:8 “*Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.*”

When we have made a definite decision to not tolerate anything in our life that is contrary to God’s will and Word, He can then reveal His *presence* and *power* in our life, and what that presence should *mean* to us. We are to *confess* and *discard* any known sin, and then *believe* that God accepts us because He has promised to do that—as well as 1 John 1:9 “*To cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*”

At that point in time, we should be willing to *meet* anything, everyone, and every situation as God’s Word says to *meet* them—not as the *world* meets such things. It does not matter if it is a difficult person, an unreasonable employer, an upsetting situation, or a financial lack, we are to meet the situation as the Word of God says to meet it.

We are to believe by *faith* in the holy Scriptures, that our heart is *pure*, and that we are *righteous* in the sight of God, because He *said* we are when we confess to Him and truly repent. To the extent that we *meet* things in a scriptural way—that extent self will *die*, and Christ will *live* in our heart—a *must have* position.

King Jehoshaphat thought he had faith in God, but he did not really *know* God. His happiness was on the surface, and it vanished when three nations came against him. He was much distressed and he “*greatly feared*” 2 Chronicles 20:3. Had

the king really *known* God, he would *not* have been fearful.

The servant of Elisha feared like the king feared, so the prophet had to tell him 2 Kings 6:16 “*They that be with us are more than they that be with them.*” No matter what *trial* we face or what *enemy* confronts us, *that is our answer*. Psalm 46:2 “*Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.*”

If we do not *see* it or do not *believe* it, we need to pray as the prophet did. 2 Kings 6:17 “*LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.*” *That is true* Christianity and *genuine* believing faith in God.

If someone does a spiteful thing to us or makes an insulting remark to us, we feel hurt, betrayed, and resentful—but if we let it go, give it to God, and forget about the harm and the hurt, the result is seeing God for who He is; and seeing His divine *power* work for us. God is responsible to give us the *power* to believe; and we are responsible to give Him a *willing heart* that believes.

When we have an empty wallet, an empty stomach, and an empty cupboard—and we have made up our mind *not* to tell anyone or not to *hint* to one person that we need *anything*—that is when our heart is *searched*, and God is *revealed*.

By committing the entire matter to Him in *prayer* and in *faith*, we will not only have *peace* and the *faith* to trust God, but we will also have a new revelation of Him. Really *knowing* God is our *only real need*—it is a *Must Have* of the heart!



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