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Matthew 6:19-34

As believers in Jesus Christ, we have God's invitation to ask Him for whatever we need. What an amazing privilege! He's not a stingy heavenly Father, but one who loves us and cares about every aspect of our life.

Sometimes, however, if the answers we expect aren't materializing, we may question God's love, interest, or ability. In today's passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus reassures us that we can pray for our needs with full confidence in our Father's provision. We are to ...

Trust in His Care. Whenever we start to wonder whether our Father hears our requests, we can look outside at His creation (Matt. 6:26-32). If God feeds the birds and clothes the flowers, won't He also care for His beloved children?

Believe His Promise. Jesus assures us that God will provide our basic needs if we'll make Him our top priority in life (Matt. 6:32-33).

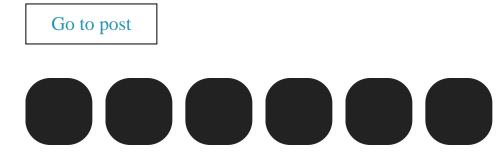
Seek His Kingdom and Righteousness. Jesus warns against making earthly things our treasure and admonishes us to store up heavenly riches instead (Matt. 6:19-21). That's what it means to

seek first God's kingdom and righteousness. When the desire and ambition of our life is to obey the Lord and reflect His character in our words, attitudes, and actions, He assumes the responsibility to provide whatever we may need.

God's ways are different from how we naturally think. Human logic leads us to conclude that if we need something, we should seek it, but God's perspective says, "Seek Me, and I'll take care of your need." Whose way are you trusting?

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