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Direct Line to God (Part 2)

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We have equal access to the Lord. We can call Him directly. All of us have that right. We can ask for big things, not just toys but we can ask for continents. We can always ask for something that is impossible.

We have to have that prayerful thinking that we are children of God. As such, we have the privilege of coming before the Lord anytime to talk.

No matter who we are, we are all His children and He has no favorites. No one is given priority treatment. Anytime we come, He can hear us. His hands are not too short to reach out and save anybody for He is not bound by any distance, time, territory and places. He is omnipresent.

The Holy Spirit is the one who reminds all of us that we are heirs and adopted children of God. This is why when we pray, it is the Holy Spirit who reminds us that we have the right to ask God (Gal. 4:6). He reminds us of the Word of the Lord that we can always claim and possess.

When we consider God's heavens and the work of His fingers, we would wonder what is mankind that He is very mindful of (Ps. 8:3-4). This thinking would inspire us to have that prayerful thinking which leads us to purposefully thank God for all the blessings that He has given us.

Be mindful that although we have a direct line we can only receive if we give (Lk. 6:38). So, we must obey.

Satan would always lie and try to tempt us to doubt God and live by sight instead of faith. But, if our mindset is the mindset of Christ, then we would not believe Satan's lies, because we know that it is not what God said. Always remember that we have the authority to overcome all the power of the enemy (Lk. 10:19).

There should also be action. We cannot just pray and do nothing. We must learn to obey.

God wants us to be intimate with Him and to treat Him like our real father. When Jesus taught us how to pray, we have been given the right to call God our Father.

Reflection: Do we really believe that we are all children of God?

God is so pleased when we come to Him like little children, humble and totally dependent on Him. Even if we are already very successful, we should recognize that God is the source and cause of our success.

Do not ask only for little things because He is a generous Father. Since we are all children of God (Gal. 4:7), we are heirs to His promises. If we are being tested, it is because we are heirs of testing and victory (Rom. 8:16-17).

God is not our magic genie. The extreme is also wrong. But, He is God, all powerful, who possesses everything and reigns forever, who can give us more than what we desire.

Look at the promises of God for every need we have. When we think we need great faith in God, what we need is faith in a great God.

God wants us all to honor Him by praying without growing tired and giving up, and even though it is already taking time.

Reflection: Will you ask for toys or ask big things because God is a big God?

Ask God without inhibitions for nothing is impossible with Him.

7. Change without effort is foolishness.

- Expecting our prayer life to change without effort on our part is foolishness. We have to dig into the Scriptures for faith comes from hearing the Word of God (Rom. 10:17).
- Remember, change begins with us.

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