

A Verse of Promises

“Ask, and they shall give it you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you“, Matthew 7:7.

I heard the following some years ago, but it still has that basic teaching. A young man approached the leader of a logging team, asked for a job. When asked to prove his skill at felling trees, the leader pointed out a large tree to him with the instruction that he felled the tree.

Impressed with his ability, the leader told him to report for duty on Monday morning.

Tuesday and Wednesday were both good days. Just before finishing time on Thursday the leader approached the young man, and told him to collect his pay on his way out.

Baffled by this turn of events, he asked the reason.

The leader told him. Monday you were the top, but by Wednesday you were the slowest. Then after a short pause, the leader asked "Have you been sharpening your axe?"

The young man replied, "I have been working too hard, and did not have enough time to sharpen my axe".

Prayer – talking to God – is essential in any Christian’s life. It brings you closer and closer to the Lord Jesus. It keeps you sharp and ready for the Lord’s use.

The first word in the verse is composed of the three commands to the Christian,

Ask The Lord knows all things, and he does know what we need long before we generally get around to asking Him for the need to be met.

Seek Why should Jesus say ‘Seek’? I honestly do not believe Jesus was trying to turn it into a fun session. I honestly do believe that He was encouraging – not only the people around Him, but all who have read this command to ensure that His Presence is there also.

Knock To persevere with a course of action despite any difficulty or lack of success.

Missing one of those commands, may contribute to losing one or all of the promises found in the Scriptures

Although it reads as an invitation, it is also a direct command by the Lord

that we form regular habits in our lives.

Invitations are literally and invitation to accept an offer. Commands always carry an offer of a reward for obedience.

Consider the following,

Ask You will receive.
Seek You will find.
Knock A door – way – will be opened for you.

If you are not prepared to,

Ask You will receive nothing.
Seek You will find nothing.
Knock Nothing will be opened for you.

Ask yourself, “If I am not prepared to ask, then am I worthy to receive the promise?”