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MATTHEW 7:7

(The character of faith)

SEEKING, ASKING, AND KNOCKING

(THE CHARACTER OF FAITH)

DEDICATION

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MY SPIRITUAL GUIDE,

YOUR WISDOM LIGHTS MY PATH. THIS BOOK IS DEDICATED TO YOU, FOR SHAPING MY FAITH.

TO FAITH CHUCK,

MY BELOVED WIFE,

YOU'RE MY STRENGTH. THIS BOOK IS FOR YOU, MY CONSTANT SUPPORT.

TO DAVID AND OLIVIA,

MY PRECIOUS KIDS,

YOU BRING JOY. THIS BOOK REMINDS US TO CHASE DREAMS. WITH LOVE,

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INTRODUCTION:

Welcome to ", Asking, seeking, and Knocking." In this book, we embark on a transformative journey that explores the profound character of faith and its ability to unlock the abundant life God has prepared for us. Through the timeless teachings of Matthew 7:7-8, we delve into the principles of seeking, asking, and knocking, discovering their significance in our spiritual growth and personal success.

Faith is more than a mere belief; it is an active force that propels us forward on the path of divine purpose. It empowers us to seek God's guidance, ask for His wisdom, and knock on the doors of opportunity with unwavering confidence. It calls us to align our spirits with His plan, overcome doubts and limitations, and unleash the hidden wealth that lies within and around us.

In the first chapters, we lay the foundation of our understanding by examining the words of Jesus in Matthew 7:7-8. These verses serve as a powerful reminder that when we seek, we shall find; when we ask, we shall receive; and when we knock, doors shall be opened unto us. We explore the spiritual significance of these actions, recognizing that to be physically successful, we must first be spiritually successful.

Moving forward, we delve into the importance of seeking God first before approaching others for assistance. We come to understand that God not only makes a way for us but also desires to transform us and align us with His divine plan. By asking God, we tap into His wisdom and receive insights on how to navigate our journey effectively.

We then journey inward to explore the significance of self-reflection and the process of overcoming doubts and limitations. We recognize the power of aligning our spirits with the promises of God, identifying areas that require growth and

transformation. By knocking down the barriers that hinder our faith and subjecting our souls to the truth of God's Word, we open ourselves to His transformative power.

Armed with a renewed spirit and aligned with God's plan, we venture into the realm of opportunities. We learn to navigate the world with humility, faith, and a spirit of collaboration. By building relationships, presenting ourselves well, being proactive, embracing challenges, and staying persistent, we discover the doors of opportunity that lead to hidden wealth and abundance.

Throughout this book, we intertwine practical steps, biblical narratives, and personal anecdotes to provide a comprehensive understanding of how seeking, asking, and knocking can shape our lives. We invite you to embark on this journey of faith, where you will find guidance, encouragement, and practical insights to unleash the full potential of your faith.

Whether you are at the beginning of your spiritual journey or seeking to deepen your faith, this book offers a roadmap for unlocking the power within you. It is our sincere hope that through these pages, you will be inspired to embrace the character of faith, overcome obstacles, and experience the abundant life God has prepared for you.

So, let us embark together on this transformative journey of seeking, asking, and knocking. Open your heart, open your mind, and get ready to witness the extraordinary power of faith in action. The doors of possibility are waiting to be opened, and the abundant life you desire is within your reach. Let us embark on this remarkable journey together and unlock the power of faith!

Session 1: Asking, Seeking and knocking God First

In Matthew 7:7, Jesus encourages us to seek, ask, and knock. These three actions are not limited to our relationship with God alone but encompass various aspects of our lives, including our interactions with ourselves and others. Let's explore the significance of seeking, asking, and knocking in these three dimensions: our relationship with God, our relationship with ourselves, and our relationship with others.

1. Asking, Seeking and knocking in our Relationship with God:

When it comes to our spiritual journey and seeking God's guidance, the sequence of asking, seeking, and knocking is of paramount importance.

The first step is asking. Through prayer and communication with God, we express our desires, concerns, and needs. We humbly approach Him, recognizing our dependency on His wisdom and provision. By asking God, we invite Him into our lives, inviting His guidance and intervention in all areas.

The next step is seeking. In seeking We are invited to seek a deeper understanding of God's will and purpose for our lives. This involves actively pursuing a relationship with Him through prayer, meditation, and study of His Word. By seeking God first, we acknowledge His sovereignty and align ourselves with His divine plan.

Lastly, we have the act of knocking. This signifies our persistence and willingness to pursue a deeper connection with God. By knocking on the door of heaven, we demonstrate our faith and perseverance. We desire to enter into a closer relationship with Him, allowing Him to open doors of opportunities, blessings, and revelations in our lives.

2. Asking, seeking and Knocking in our Relationship with Ourselves:

The journey of faith also requires us to turn inward and address the aspects of ourselves that may hinder our spiritual growth. This involves asking important

questions ,seeking within ourselves, , and knocking down the barriers that hold us back.

Asking ourselves crucial questions is an essential part of this process. We challenge our doubts and fears, asking why we should not receive what we need when God's promises assure us that we can. By confronting our limiting beliefs and seeking answers within, we create space for growth and align our souls with God's Word.

Seeking within ourselves means examining our hearts, thoughts, and beliefs. We reflect on our doubts, limitations, and areas that require growth. By seeking within, we gain a deeper understanding of ourselves and identify any areas that need transformation and alignment with God's promises.

Lastly, knocking down the barriers within ourselves is necessary to allow God to work through us. This requires surrendering our fleshly desires, ego, and self-centeredness. By knocking down our flesh, we humble ourselves before God, inviting His transformative power to shape us into vessels that align with His will.

3. Asking, seeking and Knocking in our Relationship with Others:

While asking, seeking and knocking have significant spiritual implications, they also play a crucial role in our interactions with others. When we seek, ask, and knock in our relationships with others, we open ourselves to collaboration, support, and the potential for shared growth and success.

Asking in our relationships with others is about engaging in honest and open communication. We express our needs, seek guidance, and foster a sense of mutual understanding. By asking, we create a space for dialogue, collaboration, and the sharing of resources.

Seeking in our relationships with others involves actively looking for opportunities to connect, understand, and empathize. It is about being attentive to the needs and aspirations of those around us and seeking ways to be of service and support.

Knocking on the doors of others is an act of seeking opportunities and being proactive in our interactions. It involves reaching out, making connections, and exploring avenues for growth and advancement. When we knock on the doors of others, we invite them to open up to us, share their wisdom, and join us in our journey.

Chapter 1: Understanding The Concept: Matthew 7:7-8

Now let's focus on the fundamental aspects of faith and the importance of seeking God as the initial step in our journey. Before we approach others for help or search for solutions, we must prioritize seeking God's guidance and wisdom. By engaging in the actions of knocking, asking, and seeking, we establish a connection with God, seek His approval, and receive His direction for our lives.

Asking:

Asking involves presenting our requests, needs, and desires before God. It is an act of faith, expressing our trust in His provision and His ability to meet our needs. Through asking, we demonstrate our reliance on God's wisdom and seek His guidance in making decisions.

Asking is an act of humility and trust, as we lay our requests and desires before God. It involves recognizing our need for His provision and acknowledging that He holds the answers to our deepest longings. When we ask, we align ourselves with the truth that God is a loving Father who delights in giving good gifts to His children. It is through asking that we exercise our faith, inviting God's intervention and opening the door for Him to work in our lives.

Seeking:

Seeking implies actively searching for God's will and His plan for our lives. It involves a deep desire to understand His purpose and align our actions with His

divine direction. Through seeking, we demonstrate our commitment to follow God's path and seek His presence in every aspect of our lives.

Seeking takes us on a journey of discovery and revelation. It is an active pursuit of God's will, wisdom, and presence. By seeking, we demonstrate our hunger for a deeper understanding of His plans and a desire to align our lives with His purpose. Seeking involves dedicating time and effort to study His Word, engage in prayer, and cultivate a heart that is sensitive to His leading. Through seeking, we position ourselves to find the treasures of God's kingdom and experience the transformative power of His truth.

Knocking:

Knocking refers to approaching God with humility and surrendering ourselves before Him. It symbolizes acknowledging our dependence on Him and recognizing His sovereignty. By knocking, we open the door to a relationship with God and invite Him to intervene in our lives.

Knocking represents our persistence and determination to enter into God's presence and receive His blessings. It is an act of faith that recognizes that the doors of opportunity and divine favour are opened through our interaction with God. When we knock, we demonstrate our willingness to trust in His timing and His ways. It requires perseverance and a firm belief that God is faithful to open doors that align with His perfect plan for our lives. By knocking, we invite God to guide our steps and grant us access to His abundant blessings.

By prioritizing knocking, asking, and seeking God first, we acknowledge that our spiritual well-being and alignment with God's plan are crucial prerequisites for success in any area of our lives. When we seek God's approval and direction, we

tap into His infinite wisdom and allow Him to shape our path and transform us according to His plan.

The promises attached to these actions further affirm the power of active faith. Jesus assures us that when we ask, we will receive; when we seek, we will find; and when we knock, doors will be opened unto us. These promises remind us that our engagement with God is not in vain but is met with His loving response. It is important to note that the fulfilment of these promises may not always align with our expectations, as God's plans are higher and greater than our own. However, as we align our hearts with His, we can trust that His responses are rooted in His perfect love and wisdom.

NOTICE: RESISTANCE OR REJECTION

In our journey of seeking, asking, and knocking, we may encounter moments of resistance and rejection. This is a common experience for believers, as we navigate the challenges of living out our faith and following God's instructions. It is important to remember that resistance does not necessarily mean that God did not speak or that His promises are void. On the contrary, it often signifies that we are on the right path and facing opposition from the enemy who seeks to hinder our progress.

When God gives you an instruction sometimes you are most likely to encounter resistance or some forms of rejection, it doesn't mean that God

did not said. Sometimes, Our faith in God is been tested. it takes resilience of faith to go ahead.

The Scriptures provide us with numerous examples of individuals who faced resistance and rejection in their pursuit of God's will. One such example is found in the life of Moses. When God called Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt, he faced opposition not only from Pharaoh but also from his own people. Despite the challenges and doubts, Moses remained steadfast in his faith, continuously seeking God's guidance and relying on His promises. Through perseverance and obedience, Moses witnessed the miraculous deliverance of the Israelites from slavery.

In the New Testament, we see Jesus Himself facing resistance and rejection as He carried out His ministry on earth. The religious leaders of His time rejected His teachings, questioned His authority, and ultimately crucified Him. However, Jesus remained unwavering in His mission, continuously seeking His Father's will and relying on His divine guidance. His faithfulness led to the ultimate victory of His resurrection and the salvation of humanity.

In addition to the examples from biblical characters, we find encouragement and guidance in various passages that emphasize the importance of resilience and discernment in the face of resistance. James 1:2-4 reminds us to consider it pure joy when we face trials because the testing of our faith produces perseverance, leading to spiritual maturity. 1 Peter 5:8-9 exhorts us to be alert and self-controlled, knowing that our enemy, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion seeking to devour us. We are called to resist him, standing firm in our faith.

Moreover, Jesus assures us in John 16:33 that in this world we will face trouble, but He has overcome the world. He encourages us to take heart and have faith, knowing that He is with us and will guide us through every trial and resistance we encounter.

To discern whether the resistance we face is from God or the enemy, we must cultivate a deep relationship with God through prayer, study of His Word, and fellowship with other believers. Psalm 32:8 assures us that God will instruct us and teach us in the way we should go; He will counsel us with His loving eye upon us. Proverbs 3:5-6 encourages us to trust in the Lord with all our hearts, not leaning on our own understanding, but acknowledging Him in all our ways, and He will make our paths straight.

As we seek, ask, and knock, we must be vigilant in discerning God's voice and aligning ourselves with His will. The Holy Spirit, who dwells within us, serves as our guide and counsellor, leading us into all truth and helping us recognize the voice of our Heavenly Father. By staying close to God, growing in discernment, and relying on His wisdom, we can navigate through resistance, rejection, and the deceptive tactics of the enemy, knowing that God's promises are true and His plans for us are good.

When we encounter resistance, it is important to remember that God's ways are higher than our ways (Isaiah 55:9). His plans and timing may not align with our own expectations, and this can sometimes lead to misunderstandings and opposition. However, we must trust that God is always working behind the scenes, orchestrating circumstances for our ultimate good and His glory.

In the book of Jeremiah, we see a powerful example of God's faithfulness in the face of resistance. Jeremiah was called by God to be a prophet to the nations, delivering messages of judgment and restoration. However, his words were met with hostility and rejection. People did not want to hear the truth, and Jeremiah faced severe persecution for his obedience to God's calling.

Yet, despite the resistance and personal suffering, Jeremiah remained faithful to God's instructions. He continued to seek God's guidance and relied on His strength to carry out his prophetic ministry. Jeremiah's example teaches us that when we encounter resistance, we must persevere in obedience to God's Word and trust in His faithfulness.

It is also crucial to recognize that not all resistance comes from external sources. Sometimes, the greatest battles we face are within ourselves. Our own doubts, fears, and insecurities can hinder our progress and cause us to question God's leading. In such moments, we must engage in honest self-reflection and seek God's truth to overcome these internal obstacles.

The apostle Paul experienced his own internal struggles as he sought to fulfil God's purpose for his life. In his letter to the Romans, Paul writes, "I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do, I do not do, but what I hate I do" (Romans 7:15). Paul recognized the battle between his fleshly desires and his desire to live in alignment with God's will. Yet, he found strength in Christ and relied on the power of the Holy Spirit to overcome these internal conflicts.

In our journey of seeking, asking, and knocking, we must be willing to confront and overcome our own limitations. We must surrender our fleshly desires and align ourselves with God's truth and His Word. This requires humility, self-discipline, and a willingness to be transformed by the renewing of our minds (Romans 12:2).

As we navigate the challenges of resistance and rejection, we can find comfort and encouragement in the promises of God. Jesus assures us in Matthew 11:28-30, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

When we seek God's guidance and rely on His strength, He will sustain us and provide the rest and peace we need to persevere.

So, resistance and rejection are inevitable aspects of our journey as we seek, ask, and knock in pursuit of God's will. However, through faith, resilience, and discernment, we can overcome these obstacles and continue to move forward in our spiritual growth. Let us trust in God's sovereignty, knowing that He is with us every step of the way. As we surrender ourselves to His leading, we will experience His faithfulness and see His purposes fulfilled in our lives. So, let us press on with unwavering faith, seeking God's guidance, and trusting in His unfailing love.

Chapter 2: Approaching God: The Key to Spiritual Success

By seeking God as our primary source of guidance and direction, we not only open doors for His provision and blessings but also set ourselves on a transformative journey of aligning with His divine plan.

When we approach God and ask Him for His guidance, we acknowledge His sovereignty and wisdom. We recognize that He holds the answers to our questions, the solutions to our problems, and the directions for our paths. God, being the Creator of the universe, has a unique perspective and understanding that surpasses our limited human comprehension. By asking God, we tap into His infinite wisdom and invite His insights into our lives.

As we seek God, we not only gain understanding and direction but also experience transformation within ourselves. God desires to mould us into the individuals He created us to be, aligning us with His divine purpose. By approaching God with an open heart and a willingness to be transformed, we allow Him to work within us, moulding our character and refining our desires. Through this process, we become more aligned with His will, more attuned to His voice, and more capable of walking in His plans for our lives.

Asking God also brings about a deep sense of dependence and humility. It reminds us that we are not self-sufficient beings, but rather reliant on our Heavenly Father for every aspect of our existence. By acknowledging our need for God's guidance, we surrender our pride and open ourselves to His divine intervention. This act of surrender allows God to work in ways that surpass our

understanding, bringing about outcomes that are far greater than what we could have accomplished on our own.

Moreover, when we seek God first, we align ourselves with His perfect timing. Often, we are tempted to rush ahead and seek help or solutions from others before seeking God's guidance. However, by prioritizing our relationship with Him, we allow Him to unfold His plans in the most opportune and perfect way. God's timing is impeccable, and when we trust in His timing, we position ourselves to receive His blessings and favour at the right moment.

Approaching God as our primary source of guidance and seeking His wisdom sets the foundation for spiritual success. It establishes a strong connection with the divine, aligns us with His will, and brings about transformation in our lives. When we ask God for guidance, we invite His insights and revelation, enabling us to navigate our journey with His divine direction. He not only makes a way for us but also equips us with the knowledge and understanding to walk confidently on the path He has set before us.

Practical steps that can help us effectively approach God as the key to spiritual success. These steps provide a roadmap for seeking God's guidance, aligning ourselves with His divine plan, and experiencing personal growth and transformation.

Step 1: Cultivate a Daily Practice of Prayer

Developing a consistent and intentional prayer life is essential for approaching God. Set aside dedicated time each day to commune with Him, pouring out your heart, expressing gratitude, and seeking His guidance. Prayer serves as a direct

line of communication with God, allowing you to establish a personal and intimate connection with Him.

Step 2: Study and Meditate on His Word

The Bible is God's written revelation to humanity, containing His wisdom, promises, and instructions. Take time to study and meditate on His Word regularly. Reflect on the Scriptures, allowing them to permeate your mind and heart. Seek understanding and guidance through His Word, knowing that it serves as a lamp to guide your path.

Step 3: Seek God's Will in Decision-Making

Involve God in every decision you make, whether big or small. Seek His guidance and wisdom before taking action. Lay your plans before Him and ask for His direction. Be open and attentive to His leading, trusting that He will guide your steps and align your decisions with His perfect will.

Step 4: Surrender Your Desires to God

Approaching God involves surrendering your desires, dreams, and plans to His will. Allow Him to shape and mould your desires, aligning them with His purposes. Let go of any self-centred ambitions and seek His kingdom and His righteousness above all else. Trust that His plans for you are far greater than anything you could imagine.

Step 5: Develop a Discerning Spirit

Cultivate a discerning spirit by seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Ask God to grant you wisdom, discernment, and a sensitivity to His leading. Through the Holy Spirit's guidance, you can navigate the complexities of life and make choices that honour God and align with His purposes.

Step 6: Embrace Patience and Trust in God's Timing

Approaching God requires patience and trust in His timing. Understand that God's ways are higher than our ways, and His timing is perfect. Even when it seems that doors are closed or answers are delayed, continue to trust in His faithfulness and wait for His divine intervention. Embrace patience as you seek His guidance, knowing that He will make a way in His perfect timing.

Step 7: Seek Fellowship and Accountability

Surround yourself with fellow believers who can support and encourage you in your journey of seeking God. Engage in meaningful fellowship, where you can share your experiences, insights, and prayer requests. Seek accountability from trusted individuals who can help you stay aligned with God's will and provide guidance and support.

By incorporating these practical steps into your life, you can approach God in a deliberate and purposeful manner. Seeking Him first in all things allows you to tap into His wisdom, experience personal transformation, and walk in alignment with His divine plan. May these steps serve as a guide as you embark on a journey of spiritual growth, deepening your relationship with God, and experiencing the fullness of His blessings in your life.

Chapter 3: Aligning with God's Plan: Seeking, Asking, and Knocking on Heaven's Door

The process of seeking, asking, and knocking on Heaven's door is essential for aligning ourselves with God's plan and unlocking the path to true fulfilment and success. We delve into the significance of seeking God's approval and direction before approaching others for assistance or seeking worldly solutions.

Seeking God's approval and direction before seeking help from others is an integral part of aligning with God's plan. When we approach God first and seek His guidance, we acknowledge His sovereignty over our lives. We recognize that He holds the ultimate wisdom and understanding of our circumstances, and by seeking His approval, we ensure that our desires and requests are in alignment with His will.

Seeking God's guidance before seeking assistance from others also allows us to tap into His divine provision. When we align ourselves with God's plan, we position ourselves to receive His blessings and favour. By seeking His direction, we gain insight into the most suitable avenues for obtaining the assistance we need. We open ourselves to divine connections, divine interventions, and divine opportunities that lead us closer to the fulfilment of our desires.

Asking God before asking others is a crucial step in the process of aligning with God's plan. When we bring our needs and desires before God, we demonstrate our trust in Him as our ultimate provider. We acknowledge that He is the source

of all good things and that He has the power to meet our needs in ways that exceed our expectations. By asking God, we invite His divine intervention and align ourselves with His timing and methods of provision.

Asking God also allows us to gain clarity and discernment regarding our requests. Through prayer and seeking His wisdom, we can refine our desires and align them with His perfect will. Sometimes, what we think we need may not align with God's greater purpose for our lives. By asking God, we give Him the opportunity to shape our desires, redirect our focus, and lead us on a path that aligns with His divine plan.

Knocking on Heaven's door signifies persistence and fervent prayer. It is an act of faith and trust in God's promises and provision. When we knock on Heaven's door, we approach God with a humble and expectant heart, knowing that He hears our prayers and is ready to open doors of opportunity for us. Through persistent prayer, we demonstrate our dependence on God and our willingness to wait for His perfect timing.

By aligning ourselves with God's plan through seeking, asking, and knocking on Heaven's door, we position ourselves to receive His guidance, provision, and blessings. This alignment brings about a sense of peace, purpose, and fulfilment in our lives. It allows us to walk confidently in the knowledge that we are following the path that God has laid before us.

By seeking God's approval and direction, we ensure that our desires are in alignment with His will. By asking God, we invite His divine provision and gain clarity and discernment. By persistently knocking on Heaven's door, we demonstrate our faith and trust in God's timing and methods. Through this process of alignment, we position ourselves to experience the fullness of God's blessings, walk in fulfilment, and live according to His divine plan.

Session 2: Dealing with Yourself

In Session 2, we delve into the importance of self-reflection and the process of overcoming doubts and limitations. We recognize that in order to fully embrace the promises of God and align ourselves with His plan, we must confront and transform ourselves.

Self-reflection is an essential practice on our journey of faith. It involves looking inward, examining our thoughts, beliefs, and actions in light of God's truth. Through self-reflection, we gain insights into our doubts, fears, and limitations that may hinder us from fully experiencing the abundant life that God has promised us.

By engaging in self-reflection, we become aware of the doubts that may reside within us. Doubts can arise when we face challenges, uncertainties, or when our circumstances seem contrary to what we believe God has promised us. However, by recognizing and acknowledging these doubts, we can bring them before God, seeking His reassurance and strengthening our faith.

Limitations, whether self-imposed or influenced by external factors, can also hinder our progress. They may include feelings of inadequacy, past failures, or societal expectations. Through self-reflection, we identify these limitations and surrender them to God. We allow Him to break down the barriers that hold us back, empowering us to step into the fullness of His promises and the purpose He has for our lives.

The process of overcoming doubts and limitations begins with surrendering ourselves to God. As we submit ourselves to His authority, we acknowledge that He has the power to transform us from the inside out. We invite Him to work in us, renewing our minds and aligning our thoughts with His truth.

Self-reflection also involves aligning our thoughts, beliefs, and desires with the promises of God. We immerse ourselves in His Word, meditating on His promises, and allowing His truth to reshape our thinking. As we align our thoughts with His truth, doubts lose their grip on us, and limitations begin to fade away.

Furthermore, self-reflection prompts us to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit, our helper and counsellor, guides us in discerning the areas in our lives that require transformation. Through His gentle conviction and encouragement, we are empowered to let go of doubts, break free from limitations, and embrace the fullness of God's promises.

In this session, we learn that overcoming doubts and limitations is not a one-time event but an ongoing process. It requires consistent self-reflection, surrender to God, and a willingness to allow Him to shape us. As we continually seek God's guidance, His transformative work within us deepens, enabling us to live in alignment with His promises and purpose.

Through self-reflection and the process of overcoming doubts and limitations, we position ourselves to fully embrace the promises of God. We gain a renewed sense of confidence, knowing that we are not defined by our doubts or limitations but by the power of God working within us. As we confront and transform ourselves, we step into the abundant life that God has prepared for us, experiencing His love, peace, and fulfilment in every area of our lives.

In conclusion, Session 2 emphasizes the significance of self-reflection and the process of overcoming doubts and limitations. By engaging in self-reflection, we gain awareness of our doubts and limitations and invite God to transform us. Through surrender, alignment with God's truth, and guidance from the Holy Spirit, we break free from hindrances and step into the fullness of God's promises. As we deal with ourselves, we open the door to a life of renewed faith, confidence, and alignment with God's divine plan

Chapter 4: The Importance of Self-Reflection: Seeking Within

In Chapter 4, we delve into the significance of self-reflection and the process of seeking within ourselves. By engaging in introspection and understanding our doubts, limitations, and areas that require growth, we can align our spirits with God's promises and experience a deeper connection with Him.

Self-reflection serves as a valuable tool for self-awareness and personal growth. It involves taking the time to look inward, exploring the depths of our thoughts, emotions, and beliefs. Through this process, we gain a clearer understanding of ourselves, including our doubts, fears, and limitations that may hinder our spiritual progress.

Understanding our doubts is a crucial aspect of seeking within. Doubts can emerge when we face challenges, uncertainties, or when our faith is tested. They may arise from past disappointments, conflicting beliefs, or the influence of the world around us. By recognizing and examining our doubts, we open ourselves to the possibility of addressing them and seeking God's guidance for resolution. It is through this self-reflection that we can strengthen our faith, reaffirm our trust in God, and overcome any barriers that hinder us from experiencing His promises.

Similarly, self-reflection allows us to identify and confront our limitations. Limitations can take various forms, such as self-imposed beliefs, negative self-talk, or the influence of others' opinions. By seeking within, we become aware of these limitations and the impact they have on our lives. We recognize areas where we

may be holding ourselves back, and we invite God to work within us to break free from these constraints. As we surrender our limitations to Him, He empowers us to step into His limitless possibilities and walk in alignment with His promises.

Seeking within also involves acknowledging areas that require growth and transformation. Through self-reflection, we identify areas of weakness, patterns of behaviour that do not align with God's Word, and aspects of our character that need refinement. By humbling ourselves before God and inviting His transformative power into our lives, we allow Him to shape us into the image of Christ. This process of self-reflection and growth deepens our relationship with God, enabling us to align our spirits with His promises and walk in greater intimacy with Him.

Moreover, seeking within helps us cultivate a spirit of humility and dependency on God. It reminds us that we are imperfect beings in need of His grace and guidance. As we engage in self-reflection, we invite the Holy Spirit to illuminate areas of our lives that require His intervention. We learn to surrender our self-reliance and lean on God's strength, wisdom, and guidance.

Several other aspects that contribute to the importance of introspection in aligning our spirits with God's promises. Let us further explore these elements in detail.

1. Cultivating a Spirit of Authenticity: Self-reflection enables us to be honest and authentic with ourselves and with God. It is an opportunity to examine our motives, intentions, and the authenticity of our faith. By seeking within, we can identify areas where we may have been living in hypocrisy or straying from God's truth. Through genuine self-reflection, we can realign our hearts with God's desires and live authentically, both in our relationship with Him and with others.

2. Embracing Vulnerability: Self-reflection invites us to embrace vulnerability and openness before God. As we delve into our doubts, fears, and limitations, we allow ourselves to be vulnerable in the presence of our loving Heavenly Father. In that vulnerability, we experience His grace, love, and transformative power. It is through this process that we discover the depth of His mercy and find the courage to face and overcome our inner struggles.

3. Seeking Healing and Wholeness: Self-reflection uncovers areas of brokenness within us. It may reveal past wounds, unresolved traumas, or unhealthy patterns of behaviour. By seeking within, we acknowledge our need for healing and restoration. We invite God's healing touch into those wounded places, allowing Him to bring wholeness and freedom. Through self-reflection, we align ourselves with the transformative work of the Holy Spirit, inviting Him to bring healing to our hearts, minds, and souls.

4. Strengthening Discernment: Engaging in self-reflection sharpens our ability to discern God's voice amidst the noise of the world. As we quiet our hearts and minds and seek within, we attune ourselves to the gentle whispers of the Holy Spirit. This deepened discernment enables us to distinguish between God's truth and the deceitful schemes of the enemy. Through self-reflection, we develop a greater sensitivity to the leading of the Holy Spirit, allowing us to make decisions and choices that align with God's will.

5. Encountering God's Grace: Self-reflection is a reminder of God's grace and unconditional love for us. As we reflect on our doubts, limitations, and areas of growth, we come face-to-face with our imperfections. Yet, it is in this realization that we experience the vastness of God's grace and His willingness to work in and through us. Self-reflection allows us to fully embrace God's forgiveness, mercy, and transformation, knowing that His grace is sufficient for our weaknesses.

6. Fostering Spiritual Growth: Self-reflection is an ongoing process that fosters continuous spiritual growth. It is not a one-time exercise but a lifelong journey of deepening our relationship with God. By regularly seeking within, we cultivate a spirit of humility and a willingness to surrender to God's leading. Through this practice, we become more attuned to the prompting of the Holy Spirit, grow in wisdom and understanding, and experience an ever-deepening connection with our Heavenly Father.

Chapter 5: Overcoming Doubts and Limitations: Knocking Down Your Flesh

It is through surrendering our fleshly desires and allowing God to work through us that we create space for His transformative power to manifest in our lives. Let's look at the following :

1. Recognizing the Power of the Flesh: The flesh represents our human nature and desires that are contrary to the will of God. It encompasses our selfish ambitions, sinful tendencies, and the limitations imposed by our human nature. By acknowledging the power of the flesh, we become aware of the barriers it erects in our spiritual journey. These barriers can include doubts, fears, pride, self-reliance, and a resistance to surrendering fully to God.

2. Surrendering to God's Authority: Overcoming doubts and limitations begins with surrendering ourselves to the authority of God. It is an act of humility and trust, recognizing that God's ways are higher than our ways and His plans are perfect. By surrendering our fleshly desires and submitting to God's authority, we open ourselves up to His transformative work within us. Surrendering allows us to let go of control and place our faith in His guidance and provision.

3. Allowing God's Transformative Power: As we surrender our fleshly desires, we create space for God's transformative power to work in our lives. It is through this surrender that we allow Him to break down the barriers that hinder our faith and hinder us from experiencing the fullness of His promises. God desires to renew our minds, transform our hearts, and align our desires with His will. By knocking

down our fleshly desires, we invite Him to bring about the necessary changes in our lives, empowering us to overcome doubts, limitations, and anything that stands in the way of our spiritual growth.

4. Cultivating a Spirit of Obedience: Overcoming doubts and limitations requires cultivating a spirit of obedience to God. It is a conscious choice to align our actions, thoughts, and desires with His Word. Obedience demonstrates our trust in God's wisdom and His plans for our lives. By submitting to His leading and following His instructions, we position ourselves to receive His blessings and walk in the fullness of His promises.

5. Seeking the Power of the Holy Spirit: The Holy Spirit plays a vital role in overcoming doubts and limitations. By inviting the Holy Spirit to work in us, we receive His power, guidance, and wisdom. The Holy Spirit empowers us to resist the temptations of the flesh and helps us overcome doubts and fears. Through the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit, we are equipped to navigate the challenges of life and walk in alignment with God's purposes.

6. Embracing a Transformed Mind-set: Overcoming doubts and limitations involves adopting a transformed mind-set rooted in God's truth. As we knock down the barriers of the flesh, we allow God to renew our minds and reshape our thinking. We replace doubt with faith, fear with courage, and self-reliance with trust in God's provision. Embracing a transformed mind-set allows us to see ourselves and our circumstances through God's perspective, empowering us to overcome obstacles and embrace the abundant life He has prepared for us.

Through surrendering to God's authority, allowing His transformative power to work in us, cultivating obedience, seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and embracing a transformed mind-set, we position ourselves to experience the breakthroughs and victories that God has in store for us. By knocking down the

barriers of the flesh, we create space for God's transformative power to manifest, leading us right.

Seeking Divine Direction: Asking Your Soul

As we align our desires and thoughts with God's Word, we open ourselves to His guidance and experience His leading in every aspect of our lives.

1. Understanding the Need for Divine Direction: Seeking divine direction acknowledges our dependency on God and recognizes that His wisdom surpasses our own. God has a specific plan and purpose for each of our lives, and seeking His direction ensures that we are aligned with His will. By asking our soul, we engage in introspection and self-examination, seeking alignment between our desires and the Word of God.

2. Evaluating Our Desires: Asking our soul involves evaluating the desires that reside within us. We examine our motivations, aspirations, and goals, seeking to discern whether they align with God's principles and purposes. This process helps us identify any areas where our desires may conflict with God's will and provides an opportunity for realignment. By surrendering our desires to God and inviting Him to shape and mould them, we open ourselves to His transformative work and allow Him to guide our paths.

3. Bringing Our Soul into Agreement: Asking our soul also entails bringing our desires into agreement with the Word of God. We confront any areas of resistance or disagreement within ourselves, submitting them to the authority of God's truth. Through prayer, meditation, and reflection, we align our thoughts and desires with the principles found in Scripture. This process helps us let go of any selfish ambitions, worldly pursuits, or misguided intentions, allowing God to purify and redirect our hearts according to His perfect plan.

4. Subjecting Our Soul to the Word of God: Asking our soul involves subjecting our thoughts, emotions, and desires to the authority of the Word of God. We recognize that our soul can be influenced by external factors, societal norms, and personal biases. By subjecting our soul to the Word, we ensure that our decisions and actions are rooted in biblical principles rather than worldly values. This practice enables us to make choices that honour God, align with His purposes, and bring fulfilment and blessings into our lives.

5. Experiencing Transformation: When we ask our soul and seek divine direction, we position ourselves for transformation. As we align our desires, thoughts, and decisions with God's will, we undergo a process of inner renewal. God shapes our character, transforms our perspective, and moulds us into vessels that can fulfil His purposes. Through seeking divine direction, we experience the joy of walking in obedience and witnessing God's faithfulness in guiding our steps.

6. Trusting God's Provision: Asking our soul and seeking divine direction is an exercise of trust and surrender. We acknowledge that God knows what is best for us and that His plans surpass our own. By entrusting our desires and decisions to Him, we embrace His provision and guidance. Trusting God's provision involves relinquishing our need for control, knowing that His wisdom and love will lead us on the path of abundant life.

Chapter 6: Soul Alignment: Asking and Subjecting to God's Word

Let’s look deeper into the process of soul alignment through the practice of asking and subjecting ourselves to the Word of God. This part explores the significance of engaging in a heartfelt dialogue with our souls, questioning the misalignments between our current circumstances and the promises of God. Through introspection and self-examination, we seek to bring our souls into agreement with His truth, aligning ourselves with His divine purpose.

1. The Power of Soul Alignment: Soul alignment is a transformative process that allows us to bridge the gap between our current reality and the promises of God. It is an introspective journey of self-discovery, wherein we explore the reasons why we may not be experiencing the fullness of God's blessings in our lives. By engaging in a dialogue with our souls, we open ourselves to the transformative power of God's Word, allowing it to shape our thoughts, desires, and actions.

2. Asking the Soul: Asking the soul involves questioning the doubts, fears, and limiting beliefs that hinder our faith. It is an invitation to examine the thoughts and emotions that arise when we encounter challenges or setbacks. By asking our souls why we should not receive what God has promised, we confront the internal barriers that may be blocking the manifestation of His blessings in our lives. Through this process, we challenge the validity of our doubts and fears, opening the door for God to reveal His truth and overcome our unbelief.

3. Subjecting the Soul to God's Word: Once we have asked our souls the crucial questions, we proceed to subject them to the authority of God's Word. This involves aligning our thoughts, desires, and decisions with the principles and

promises found in Scripture. By subjecting our souls to God's truth, we bring them into submission and alignment with His divine will. We allow His Word to shape our perspectives, values, and priorities, guiding us towards a life that reflects His purposes and plans.

4. Identifying Misalignments: Through the process of asking and subjecting our souls to God's Word, we gain clarity on the misalignments that exist between our current beliefs and the truth of His promises. We identify areas where doubts, unbelief, or conflicting desires may be preventing us from fully embracing God's blessings. This self-awareness is essential for growth and transformation, as it empowers us to address these misalignments and align ourselves with God's truth.

5. Surrendering and Renewing the Soul: Soul alignment requires surrendering our thoughts, desires, and emotions to God's transforming power. As we identify misalignments and areas of unbelief, we surrender them to God, inviting Him to renew our souls and reshape our inner being. Through prayer, meditation, and the study of His Word, we allow God to bring healing, restoration, and alignment to our souls, enabling us to experience His abundant blessings.

6. Aligning Desires with God's Promises: As we engage in the process of soul alignment, we also align our desires with the promises of God. We examine our goals, aspirations, and dreams, evaluating whether they are in accordance with His will. By aligning our desires with His promises, we position ourselves to receive the abundant life He has prepared for us. This alignment enables us to walk in confidence, knowing that our desires are rooted in His purposes and guided by His wisdom.

7. Living in Alignment: Soul alignment is not a one-time event but an ongoing journey of surrender, renewal, and realignment. It is a daily practice of seeking God's guidance, examining our hearts, and aligning ourselves with His truth. As

we consistently ask and subject our souls to His Word, we cultivate a lifestyle of alignment, walking in harmony with God's will and purpose. This lifestyle of alignment impacts every aspect of our lives, including our relationships, career, decisions, and priorities.

8. Overcoming Resistance: The process of soul alignment may encounter resistance from our fleshly desires, external influences, or the enemy's attempts to distract or discourage us. However, we must remain steadfast and resilient in pursuing alignment with God's Word. By relying on His strength, seeking His guidance, and surrounding ourselves with a supportive community of believers, we can overcome the obstacles that hinder our progress towards soul alignment.

9. Embracing Transformation: Soul alignment is a transformative journey that leads to personal growth, spiritual maturity, and a deepening relationship with God. As we continually ask and subject our souls to His Word, we allow His truth to renew our minds, heal our wounds, and align our desires with His. This transformation empowers us to live out our true identity as children of God, walking in the fullness of His love, grace, and power.

10. Experiencing Divine Alignment: When our souls are aligned with God's Word, we position ourselves to experience divine alignment in all areas of our lives. As we surrender to His will and seek His guidance, we find ourselves in the right place at the right time, connected to the people, resources, and opportunities that align with His purposes for us. Divine alignment brings forth favour, provision, and the fulfilment of His promises as we walk in obedience and faith.

11. Cultivating a Lifestyle of Soul Alignment: Soul alignment is not a one-time event or a temporary fix, but a lifelong pursuit. It requires a commitment to consistently seek God, ask our souls the tough questions, and subject ourselves to His Word. By cultivating a daily practice of prayer, meditation, and reflection, we deepen our understanding of His truth and align our souls with His will. This

intentional lifestyle of soul alignment enables us to navigate life's challenges, make wise decisions, and bear fruit that glorifies God.

So, by engaging in a heartfelt dialogue with our souls, identifying misalignments, surrendering to His transformative power, aligning our desires with His promises, and cultivating a lifestyle of alignment, we invite God to work within us, shaping us into vessels that reflect His love, purpose, and glory. Through soul alignment, we experience personal transformation, divine guidance, and the fulfilment of God's abundant blessings in our lives.

Session 3: Knocking on the Doors of Men

In Session 3, we shift our focus from the spiritual realm to the physical realm as we explore the significance of knocking on the doors of men. Having already sought, asked, and knocked on the doors of Heaven and our hearts, we have aligned ourselves spiritually and prepared ourselves to receive from others. This session delves into the practical aspects of seeking assistance, guidance, and opportunities from the people around us, and how it leads us on the path to hidden wealth and abundance.

1. The Principle of Reciprocity: Knocking on the doors of men is based on the principle of reciprocity. Just as we have sought and received from God, we now recognize that blessings can also come through the hands and hearts of other individuals. By approaching others with humility, respect, and a genuine desire to build mutually beneficial relationships, we create an environment where doors are more likely to open.

2. Honing Discernment: While it is important to reach out to others, we must exercise discernment in choosing the right doors to knock on. Not every opportunity or connection will align with our purpose and values. Through prayer, seeking wisdom, and listening to our intuition, we can discern which doors are worth pursuing and which ones may lead us astray. It is essential to seek divine guidance and rely on our spiritual discernment as we navigate the world of human interactions.

3. Building Connections: Knocking on the doors of men involves building meaningful connections with others. It requires actively seeking out individuals who can offer support, mentorship, partnership, or resources that align with our goals. By networking, attending events, joining communities, and engaging in conversations, we expand our circle of influence and increase the likelihood of encountering opportunities that can propel us forward.

4. Effective Communication: When knocking on the doors of men, effective communication is key. We must clearly articulate our needs, goals, and intentions while demonstrating sincerity and authenticity. By effectively conveying our story, passion, and the value we bring, we capture the attention and interest of others. Listening attentively and empathetically to their needs and perspectives also allows us to establish a genuine connection and foster mutually beneficial relationships.

5. Adding Value: People are more inclined to open their doors when they perceive value in doing so. As we knock on the doors of men, it is important to approach each interaction with a mind-set of adding value. This can be achieved by offering our skills, expertise, resources, or unique insights that can benefit others. By demonstrating how our presence and collaboration can contribute to their success or alleviate their challenges, we create a compelling reason for them to open their doors and embrace what we have to offer.

6. Embracing Rejection and Persistence: Knocking on the doors of men also means being prepared for rejection. Not every door we knock on will open, and not everyone will be receptive to our requests or propositions. However, we must not be discouraged by rejection. Instead, we can view it as an opportunity to learn, refine our approach, and persevere in our pursuit. It is often through persistence and resilience that we encounter the doors that lead to hidden wealth and abundance.

7. Divine Guidance in Human Interactions: While knocking on the doors of men may seem like a purely human endeavour, we must not forget the importance of divine guidance in these interactions. Even as we engage with others, we can seek God's direction and wisdom. He can orchestrate divine connections, provide insight into the right doors to pursue, and grant favour in our interactions. By remaining attuned to His leading and surrendering our efforts to His guidance, we align our human interactions with His divine plan.

8. Unveiling Hidden Wealth: As we knock on the doors of men with humility, integrity and a genuine desire to contribute, we position ourselves to unveil hidden wealth. Hidden wealth refers not only to material riches but also to the vast resources, opportunities, and blessings that exist within the network of human relationships. These hidden treasures may include mentorship from experienced individuals, partnerships that amplify our impact, financial support for our ventures, or access to valuable information and networks.

9. The Power of Collaboration: When we knock on the doors of men, we open ourselves up to the power of collaboration. No one achieves great success in isolation. By engaging with others, sharing our vision, and seeking their input and support, we tap into the collective wisdom, skills, and resources of a community. Collaborative efforts amplify our effectiveness, expand our reach, and increase the likelihood of achieving shared goals. Through collaboration, we unlock hidden potentials and create opportunities for exponential growth and impact.

10. Building Trust and Credibility: Knocking on the doors of men requires us to cultivate trust and credibility. Trust is the foundation of any fruitful relationship, and it is earned through consistent integrity, reliability, and ethical behaviour. By delivering on our promises, honouring commitments, and treating others with respect and fairness, we build a reputation that opens doors and fosters lasting connections. Trust and credibility create a fertile ground for fruitful collaborations and access to hidden wealth.

11. Giving and Receiving: As we knock on the doors of men, it is essential to recognize that relationships are not solely about what we can receive. True success lies in our ability to give generously, contribute to the well-being of others, and support their endeavours. By adopting a mind-set of abundance and a spirit of generosity, we create a positive impact and nurture a culture of reciprocity. Giving freely, whether through mentorship, resources, or support, establishes us as valuable partners and cultivates a network that willingly opens doors for one another.

12. Nurturing Long-Term Relationships: The doors we knock on have the potential to lead to long-term relationships that extend beyond immediate gains. As we engage with others, it is important to foster meaningful connections and nurture these relationships over time. This involves staying in touch, offering ongoing support, celebrating successes, and being present in times of need. Long-term relationships built on trust, mutual respect, and genuine care become a source of continuous opportunities.

Chapter 7: The Impact of Seeking: Receiving from Others

In Chapter 7, we explore the profound impact of seeking in our interactions with others. As we approach individuals with a humble heart, seeking their assistance, support, and blessings, we open ourselves to the power of receiving. This chapter delves into the beauty of interconnectedness and the transformative potential that lies within the realm of community.

1. Embracing Interconnectedness: Seeking from others acknowledges the fundamental truth of our interconnectedness as human beings. We recognize that we are not meant to navigate life's journey alone, but rather, we are designed to thrive within the context of community. By seeking from others, we acknowledge our interdependence and tap into the wealth of resources, wisdom, and support that resides within the collective.

2. Cultivating a Spirit of Humility: Seeking from others requires a spirit of humility. It is an acknowledgment that we do not possess all the answers or have all the necessary resources to fulfil our needs or achieve our goals. By humbling ourselves and seeking assistance, we invite the expertise, guidance, and perspectives of others into our lives. This humility opens the door for personal growth, expanded possibilities, and collaborative endeavours.

3. Recognizing the Power of Support: Seeking from others allows us to tap into the power of support. When we seek assistance, we create an opportunity for others to lend a helping hand, provide encouragement, and offer their expertise. The support we receive from others can uplift us during challenging times, provide a fresh perspective on our circumstances, and propel us forward on our

journey. Through seeking, we invite the strength and collective wisdom of others into our lives.

4. Fostering Mutually Beneficial Relationships: Seeking from others is not a one-sided transaction but a catalyst for the creation of mutually beneficial relationships. As we seek assistance or guidance, we also offer our unique gifts, insights, and support to others. This reciprocity fosters a sense of shared purpose and strengthens the bonds within our community. By actively participating in the exchange of seeking and giving, we create a network of trust, collaboration, and collective growth.

5. Expanding Our Perspectives: Seeking from others exposes us to diverse perspectives and insights that we may not have considered on our own. By engaging with individuals from different backgrounds, experiences, and expertise, we broaden our understanding of the world, challenge our preconceived notions, and expand our horizons. Through seeking, we open ourselves to the richness of diverse viewpoints, allowing us to make more informed decisions and gain a deeper appreciation for the complexity of life.

6. Overcoming the Fear of Receiving: Seeking from others can be accompanied by a fear of vulnerability or a reluctance to receive. It requires us to let go of self-sufficiency and embrace the idea that it is okay to rely on others. Overcoming this fear allows us to experience the generosity and kindness of others, and it deepens our sense of connection and interdependence. By accepting the support and blessings offered to us, we contribute to the cycle of giving and receiving that enriches the lives of all involved.

7. Practicing Gratitude: Seeking from others nurtures a spirit of gratitude within us. When we receive assistance, guidance, or blessings from others, it is important to express our sincere appreciation. Gratitude not only acknowledges the value of the support we have received but also strengthens the bonds of

connection and fosters a culture of generosity. By cultivating gratitude in seeking, we create a positive and uplifting environment where others are inspired to continue giving.

8. Paying It Forward: The impact of seeking goes beyond our individual needs or desires. It inspires us to pay it forward and extend the same kindness and support to others. As we receive from others, we are reminded of the significance of passing on the blessings we have received. Paying it forward creates a ripple effect of positivity and generosity within our community. By actively seeking opportunities to support and uplift others, we contribute to the cycle of giving and receiving, creating a flourishing environment where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

9. Deepening Trust and Connection: Seeking from others deepens the trust and connection we have with those around us. When we humbly approach others for assistance or guidance, we demonstrate vulnerability and trust in their abilities and intentions. This vulnerability fosters authentic connections and cultivates a sense of camaraderie and mutual support. The bonds we form through seeking become pillars of strength and resilience, as we navigate life's challenges together.

10. Discovering Hidden Resources: Seeking from others opens our eyes to the hidden resources that exist within our community. Each person we encounter has their own unique talents, knowledge, and networks. Through seeking, we tap into these hidden resources, unlocking opportunities and possibilities that may have otherwise remained inaccessible. By embracing the abundance of resources available through our connections, we expand our own potential and create a fertile ground for growth and success.

11. Nurturing Collaborative Endeavours: Seeking from others paves the way for collaborative endeavours. As we seek support, we often find that our goals align

with the passions and expertise of those around us. By joining forces and combining our strengths, we amplify our impact and achieve outcomes that exceed what we could have accomplished individually. Collaboration allows us to leverage the diverse skills and perspectives of others, leading to innovation, efficiency, and shared success.

12. Experiencing the Beauty of Giving and Receiving: Through seeking, we experience the beauty of both giving and receiving. As we seek from others, we receive their assistance, guidance, and blessings. Simultaneously, we have the opportunity to give back by offering our own support, encouragement, and resources. This reciprocal dynamic creates a harmonious flow of energy, where giving and receiving become intertwined and mutually reinforcing. This experience deepens our understanding of the interconnectedness of humanity and the joy that comes from both giving and receiving with an open heart.

In the Gospel of Luke, there is a powerful story that illustrates the concept of seeking from others and the transformative impact it can have on our lives. It is the story of Zacchaeus, a tax collector who sought to see Jesus.

Zacchaeus was a wealthy man, but he was despised by his community due to his profession and reputation for dishonesty. He had heard about Jesus and the incredible teachings and miracles associated with Him. Filled with curiosity and a desire for change, Zacchaeus sought to catch a glimpse of Jesus as He passed through the town of Jericho.

Being a short man, Zacchaeus faced a challenge. The crowd surrounding Jesus was immense, and he couldn't see over the heads of the people in front of him. Undeterred, Zacchaeus sought a solution. He ran ahead and climbed up a sycamore tree, positioning himself where he could have a clear view of Jesus as He passed by.

As Jesus approached the tree, He looked up and called Zacchaeus by name, surprising him. Jesus invited Himself to Zacchaeus' house, despite the murmurs and disapproval of the people around. Zacchaeus eagerly welcomed Jesus into his home, realizing the immense opportunity that had come his way.

During their time together, Zacchaeus experienced a profound transformation. In the presence of Jesus, he recognized the need to change his ways and make amends for his past actions. He declared that he would give half of his possessions to the poor and repay four times the amount to anyone he had cheated. This act of seeking Jesus led to a radical transformation in Zacchaeus' heart and actions.

Jesus acknowledged Zacchaeus' seeking and declared, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." (Luke 19:9-10)

This story beautifully portrays the power of seeking from others, in this case, seeking Jesus. Zacchaeus' curiosity, determination, and willingness to take action by climbing the tree enabled him to encounter Jesus in a profound way. Through this seeking, Zacchaeus experienced salvation, both spiritually and practically, as he committed to making restitution for his past wrongs.

The story of Zacchaeus reminds us that seeking from others, whether it is seeking wisdom, guidance, or transformation, can lead to life-altering encounters. Just as Zacchaeus was transformed through his seeking, we too can experience profound changes when we humbly seek from others and open ourselves to the transformative power of God's presence in our lives.

Chapter 8: Divine Direction: Asking for Guidance

In our journey through life, we often find ourselves faced with various choices and decisions. We encounter different people who have the potential to impact our lives in significant ways. In these moments, it becomes crucial to seek divine direction and ask for guidance from God. By doing so, we position ourselves to receive His wisdom, insight, and discernment, leading us to the right individuals and opportunities that align with His purpose for our lives.

The Scriptures provide us with numerous examples of individuals who sought divine guidance and experienced remarkable outcomes. One such example is found in the book of Proverbs, where we are encouraged to acknowledge God in all our ways, and He will direct our paths (Proverbs 3:6). This verse highlights the importance of seeking God's guidance in every aspect of our lives, including our interactions with people.

When we approach our relationships and encounters with others with an attitude of seeking divine direction, we acknowledge our dependence on God's wisdom rather than relying solely on our own understanding. We recognize that He sees the bigger picture and knows what is best for us. As we seek His guidance, we invite Him to lead us to the right people and opportunities that will contribute to our growth, success, and fulfilment.

In the New Testament, we find further encouragement to ask for divine direction in the book of James. James 1:5 assures us that if we lack wisdom, we should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to us. This powerful promise reminds us that God is not only willing but eager to grant

us His wisdom when we humbly seek it. By asking for guidance, we demonstrate our trust in God's faithfulness and His desire to lead us on the path of righteousness.

Asking for divine direction also cultivates a deeper intimacy with God. It is an act of surrender, acknowledging that our own understanding is limited and that we need His guidance to navigate the complexities of life. Through this act of seeking, we invite the Holy Spirit to speak to our hearts, to reveal His plans and purposes for our interactions with people. This process of seeking divine guidance becomes a transformative journey where we develop a greater sensitivity to the leading of the Holy Spirit and a heightened awareness of God's presence in our lives.

When we ask for divine direction in our relationships, we can expect several outcomes:

Firstly, asking for guidance allows us to discern the people who align with God's purpose for our lives. Not every connection or opportunity that presents itself may be beneficial or in line with God's will for us. By seeking His guidance, we are empowered to recognize and discern the individuals who will contribute positively to our journey. We can avoid relationships that may lead us astray or hinder our growth.

Secondly, asking for divine direction opens doors to unexpected opportunities and connections. God, in His infinite wisdom, knows the perfect timing and the right people to bring into our lives. By seeking His guidance, we position ourselves to encounter individuals who can offer valuable insights, support, and opportunities that align with our purpose. These divine connections have the potential to accelerate our growth, expand our horizons, and lead us to the fulfilment of our God-given dreams and aspirations.

Thirdly, asking for divine direction provides us with discernment and insight in navigating relationships. Not every interaction will be smooth or straightforward. Challenges, conflicts, and misunderstandings may arise along the way. However, when we seek God's guidance, He equips us with His wisdom and understanding to navigate these relational dynamics. We gain a greater understanding of others, develop empathy, and are empowered to extend grace and forgiveness when needed. Divine guidance enables us to cultivate healthy, meaningful, and impactful relationships that honour God and bless others.

Lastly, asking for divine direction in our interactions with people fosters humility and dependence on God. When we acknowledge our need for His guidance, we humbly recognize that we are not in control and that we need His wisdom to navigate the complexities of human relationships. This posture of humility opens our hearts to receive His guidance and allows Him to work through us for His glory.

Moreover, seeking divine direction in our interactions with people helps us avoid making hasty decisions or relying solely on our own judgment. In the book of Proverbs, we are reminded that there is a way that seems right to a person, but its end is the way to death (Proverbs 14:12). By seeking God's guidance, we invite His correction and redirection when our own understanding may lead us astray. His wisdom and guidance serve as a compass, guiding us towards relationships that align with His purposes and away from those that may bring harm or hinder our spiritual growth.

Practical steps to asking for divine direction in our interactions with people include:

1. **Prayer**: Set aside dedicated time for prayer, specifically seeking God's guidance in your relationships. Pour out your heart to Him, expressing your desire to align your interactions with His will. Seek His wisdom, insight, and discernment in

choosing the right people to surround yourself with and in navigating the dynamics of your relationships.

2. Scripture Study: Immerse yourself in God's Word, seeking wisdom from the principles and teachings found within it. The Bible provides guidance and instructions on how to relate to others, offering timeless truths that can inform our interactions. Meditate on relevant passages that emphasize seeking wisdom, discernment, and God's guidance in relationships.

3. Listening to the Holy Spirit: Cultivate a sensitivity to the leading of the Holy Spirit. As you engage with others, be attentive to the promptings and nudges from the Spirit. He may speak to you through a still, small voice, a gentle conviction, or a sense of peace or unrest. Trust in His guidance and follow His leading as you interact with people.

4. Seeking Wise Counsel: Surround yourself with trusted mentors, spiritual leaders, or mature believers who can provide guidance and insight in your relationships. Seek their wisdom and perspective, sharing your thoughts and concerns with them. Their counsel can complement your seeking of divine guidance and provide valuable insights.

5. Discernment and Reflection: Take time to reflect on your interactions with others. Pay attention to patterns, emotions, and the impact those relationships have on your spiritual growth and well-being. Through introspection and prayer, seek clarity on whether a particular relationship aligns with God's purpose for your life or if adjustments need to be made.

6. Patience and Trust: Understand that divine direction may not always come immediately or in the way we expect. Be patient and trust in God's timing and faithfulness. Sometimes, seeking divine guidance requires waiting for His perfect

orchestration of events and connections. Trust that He is working behind the scenes, aligning circumstances and people for your ultimate good.

As we commit to asking for divine direction in our interactions with people, we position ourselves to experience the transformative power of God's wisdom and guidance. Our relationships become purposeful, fruitful, and aligned with His will. By seeking His guidance, we navigate the complexities of human connections with grace, discernment, and love, reflecting the character of Christ and bringing glory to God.

Chapter 9: Unveiling Hidden Wealth: Knocking on the Doors of Opportunity

In this chapter, we delve into the concept of knocking on the doors of opportunity and how it leads us to unveil hidden wealth and abundance. Just as we have sought God's guidance and aligned ourselves with His plan, it is now time to approach individuals and opportunities with a spirit of humility, faith, and collaboration.

Knocking on the doors of opportunity requires a mind-set shift. It entails stepping out of our comfort zones, being proactive, and actively seeking out avenues that align with our passions, skills, and aspirations. By doing so, we position ourselves to encounter doors of opportunity that can lead to remarkable blessings and the unveiling of hidden wealth.

When we approach individuals and opportunities with humility, we recognize that we are not self-sufficient. We acknowledge that we need others and that collaboration can lead to greater success and impact. Humility allows us to value the expertise and contributions of others, opening ourselves to learn, grow, and be inspired by their experiences. As we knock on the doors of opportunity with humility, we create an atmosphere of respect and mutual benefit, fostering meaningful connections and partnerships.

Additionally, faith plays a significant role in the process of unveiling hidden wealth. It is an unwavering belief that God is able to open doors that no one can shut and provide opportunities that exceed our expectations. Faith empowers us to approach opportunities with boldness and confidence, knowing that God is with us and working behind the scenes to orchestrate divine connections and favour. As we knock on the doors of opportunity with faith, we release our limitations and tap into God's limitless possibilities.

Knocking on the doors of opportunity also requires perseverance and resilience. Sometimes, doors may appear closed or opportunities may seem elusive. However, through perseverance, we continue to knock and seek out new avenues. We do not allow setbacks or rejections to discourage us, but rather we view them as stepping stones toward growth and ultimate success. We trust that God's timing is perfect and that He has prepared doors of opportunity specifically designed for us. With perseverance, we position ourselves to seize the right opportunities at the right time.

It is important to note that knocking on the doors of opportunity does not imply a self-centred pursuit of personal gain. Rather, it is about seeking opportunities that align with God's plan and purpose for our lives. As we remain connected to God and seek His guidance, He directs us to doors that are aligned with His will and contribute to His kingdom purposes. Our focus shifts from solely seeking personal success to seeking opportunities that allow us to impact and bless others. When we knock on the doors of opportunity with a heart of service and a desire to make a difference, we unlock hidden wealth not only for ourselves but also for the benefit of those around us.

Throughout the Scriptures, we find examples of individuals who knocked on the doors of opportunity and were met with extraordinary blessings. Joseph, in the book of Genesis, faithfully served in Potiphar's house and later found himself elevated to a position of authority and influence in Egypt. Ruth, through her humble and diligent efforts in Boaz's fields, encountered favour and ultimately

became an integral part of the lineage of Jesus Christ. These stories remind us that when we knock on the doors of opportunity with integrity, faithfulness, and a heart for service, God can open doors that lead to unimaginable blessings and fulfilment.

Practical steps to knocking on the doors of opportunity include:

1. **Research and Networking:** Take the time to research and identify opportunities that align with your passions, skills, and goals. Network with individuals in your desired field, attend relevant events, and seek connections that can open doors of opportunity.

2. Prepare and Improve: Enhance your skills and knowledge to ensure you are equipped to seize the opportunities 3. Build Relationships: Cultivate meaningful relationships with people who can open doors of opportunity for you. Networking events, professional organizations, and online communities can provide avenues to connect with individuals who can guide you towards hidden wealth and abundance.

4. Present Yourself Well: Polish your personal brand and presentation. Ensure that your resume, portfolio, and online presence accurately reflect your skills, experiences, and achievements. A professional and compelling image will increase your chances of catching the attention of potential opportunities.

5. **Be Proactive**: Don't wait for opportunities to come to you; actively seek them out. Reach out to potential mentors, industry leaders, or organizations that align with your goals. Express your interest and willingness to contribute and learn from them. Sometimes, knocking on the doors of opportunity involves taking the initiative to create your own opportunities through entrepreneurship or innovative projects.

6. **Embrace Challenges**: Knocking on the doors of opportunity may involve facing challenges and stepping outside of your comfort zone. Embrace these challenges as opportunities for growth and learning. Be willing to take calculated risks, learn from failures, and persevere in the face of obstacles.

7. Stay Persistent: Don't be discouraged by setbacks or rejections. Keep knocking on doors and exploring different avenues. Maintain a positive mind-set and believe that the right opportunity is just around the corner. Use setbacks as opportunities for self-reflection, learning, and improvement.

8. Pray and Seek God's Guidance: Throughout the process, continue seeking God's guidance through prayer. Ask for His wisdom and discernment in identifying the right doors of opportunity. Trust in His divine timing and remain open to His redirection if He closes certain doors and opens others. Surrender your plans and desires to His ultimate plan for your life.

9. Be Grateful and Generous: As you begin to experience the unveiling of hidden wealth and abundance through knocking on doors of opportunity, cultivate an attitude of gratitude. Express appreciation for the opportunities and blessings that come your way. Additionally, be generous in sharing your knowledge, resources, and opportunities with others. Embrace a mind-set of abundance and collaboration, knowing that there is enough for everyone to thrive.

By implementing these practical steps and maintaining a mind-set of humility, faith, perseverance, and service, you position yourself to knock on the doors of opportunity and unveil hidden wealth. Remember that each door you encounter is an invitation to grow, learn, and contribute to God's purposes in your life and the lives of others. Embrace the journey with gratitude, trust, and a steadfast belief that as you knock, doors will open, and the abundance of God's blessings will overflow.

CHAPTER 10: THE MYSTERY OF THE RAVENOUS BIRD

The passage from 1 Kings 17:4-6 recounts a remarkable event in which God commanded ravens to feed and sustain the prophet Elijah during a time of drought and famine. This mysterious occurrence highlights several profound truths about God's ability to use unexpected means to provide for His people.

Firstly, the fact that God chose ravens, which are typically associated with being stingy and selfish creatures, to carry out His command demonstrates His sovereignty and power. It emphasizes that God is not limited by the nature or disposition of any being when it comes to accomplishing His purposes. This serves as a reminder to us that God can work through anyone, even those whom we might consider unlikely or uncooperative.

The passage also presents a broader message about the nature of divine assistance. If God can use ravens, which are known for their self-centered behavior, it suggests that even the most selfish individuals can be instruments of God's provision when He intervenes. This idea echoes the concept of God's ability to transform hearts and use unlikely people to fulfill His plans.

By comparing the behavior of the ravenous bird to the generosity of human beings, the passage encourages us to have faith in God's provision. If the selfish ravens could bring food to Elijah at God's command, how much more can we expect the generosity of those who willingly respond to God's instructions? This serves as a reminder that when we seek God's guidance and rely on His provision, He can bring forth the help we need from unexpected sources.

Additionally, the verse from Isaiah 46:11, which speaks of calling a ravenous bird from the east to execute God's counsel, further reinforces the idea that God can use even the most unlikely agents to accomplish His purposes. It emphasizes God's ability to bring about His plans and fulfill His promises, regardless of the circumstances or individuals involved.

In summary, the mystery of the ravenous bird in 1 Kings 17:4-6 teaches us that God can use anyone to help us. The choice of ravens, known for their selfishness, as the means of provision for the prophet Elijah reveals God's sovereignty and power. It demonstrates that God can work through unexpected sources and transform the hearts of those who may not naturally exhibit generosity. This passage encourages us to have faith in God's provision and trust that He can bring help and assistance from even the most unlikely quarters. Ultimately, it reminds us of the vastness of God's resources and His ability to fulfill His purposes through anyone who yields to His instructions.

To validate assistance from man , you have to seek God first because with Him nothing is impossible. Even your enemy will help when you have it right with God. He move anyone for your sake, even the heavens and the earth. Without this it becomes very difficult to get assistance from men.

The concept of asking, seeking, and knocking on the gate of heaven is derived from the teachings of Jesus in the New Testament, specifically from Matthew 7:7-8:

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened."

This passage encourages believers to approach God with their requests, desires, and needs, assuring them that God is willing to listen, respond, and provide. It emphasizes the importance of seeking God's intervention before turning to others for assistance.

When we seek God first, it aligns our hearts and priorities with His will. It acknowledges that God is the ultimate source of help and provision. Seeking God's guidance and intervention is crucial because it establishes a solid foundation for our interactions with others.

Scripture repeatedly highlights the significance of seeking God's counsel and direction. Proverbs 3:5-6 urges believers to trust in the Lord with all their hearts and lean not on their own understanding. By acknowledging God in all our ways, He promises to make our paths straight.

Furthermore, seeking God's intervention serves as a reminder of His unlimited power and ability to influence circumstances. Jeremiah 32:17 states, "Ah, Lord GOD! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you." This verse reassures us that when we seek God first, we tap into the boundless resources of the Creator of the universe. He can move the hearts of anyone, even those who may be considered our enemies, to assist us when we are in alignment with His will.

In the Bible, we find numerous accounts of individuals who sought God's guidance and experienced miraculous assistance from unexpected sources. For example, in the story of Joseph, when he was unjustly imprisoned, he remained faithful and sought God's favor. Eventually, God used Pharaoh's dreams to elevate Joseph to a position of authority, bringing about the provision and protection he needed.

Moreover, seeking God's intervention before seeking help from others is not a rejection of human assistance. Instead, it is an acknowledgment that God often works through people to meet our needs. When we seek God first, He can direct our paths and lead us to the right individuals who will extend their support and assistance.

The principle of seeking God first before relying on others for help is not limited to material or physical needs. It encompasses every aspect of our lives, including emotional, relational, and spiritual well-being. By prioritizing our relationship with God, we ensure that our interactions with others are grounded in His wisdom, love, and grace.

In conclusion, the teaching of asking, seeking, and knocking on the gate of heaven encourages believers to approach God first in all their needs and desires. Seeking God's intervention establishes a foundation of trust and aligns our hearts with His will. It demonstrates our recognition of God's unlimited power and resources, as well as His ability to influence people and circumstances on our behalf. By seeking God first, we position ourselves to receive His guidance and provision, as well as the assistance of others whom He may lead to help us.

In the character of faith, we have explored the importance of seeking, asking, and knocking in our spiritual journey. We have seen how approaching God first and aligning ourselves with His plan can lead to remarkable transformation and success. We have delved into the significance of self-reflection, overcoming doubts, and subjecting our souls to the truth of God's Word. Moreover, we have learned the art of knocking on the doors of opportunity, connecting with others, and unveiling hidden wealth.

Throughout this eBook, we have drawn inspiration from Matthew 7:7-8 and other scriptures that highlight the power and potential of faith. We have woven practical steps, anecdotes, and biblical narratives to provide a comprehensive understanding of the principles discussed. It is our hope that the insights shared will empower you to embark on a faith-filled journey of seeking, asking, and knocking.

Remember, faith is not meant to be a passive belief system, but an active force that propels us forward. It requires us to engage with God, ourselves, and the world around us. It demands that we take courageous steps, embrace challenges, and remain steadfast in our pursuit of God's purpose for our lives.

As you close this book, we encourage you to take the lessons learned and apply them in your daily life. Seek God's guidance, ask for His wisdom, and knock on the

doors of opportunity with faith and perseverance. Trust that as you align yourself with His plan, you will experience the unveiling of hidden wealth and abundance beyond your wildest dreams.

May your character of faith continue to grow and flourish, impacting not only your life but also the lives of those around you. Embrace the journey, remain steadfast in your pursuit, and never underestimate the power of seeking, asking, and knocking. The doors of opportunity are waiting for you. Step forward with confidence, for with God as your guide, you are destined for greatness.

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