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Ask, Seek, Knock (Mt 7:7)

So what would you do if you had \$ 4 million inheritance money and you're in college? Quit school and have fun until the money runs out? No, not if you're Frederick Smith.

He invested all that money and borrowed 70 million dollars more to buy 14 airplanes to start a new business that would deliver letters and packages overnight. Well, it was an idea which started while writing a term paper at Yale.

And, people thought why? Who wants overnight anything? Many people including his professor didn't understand him at the time. But, of course, the company he later found was FedEx.

Needless to say, his company is now handling 30 million tracking everyday throughout the 200 some countries worldwide with 700 airplanes, 80,000 trucks, 50,000 employees. It has grown from a minus income to a 38 billion dollar business in 35 years.

Ideas become realities. People who work to see their dreams happen ask, seek and knock. What do they ask for? How do they seek? And, when do they knock on the door of opportunities? Everything in the world do not violate the law of sowing and reaping. You reap what you've sown!

You reap goodies from the goodies you've sown. So we must not give up or become weary in sowing the good things in life. Gal 6:9 says "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

From space and time perspective the "Ask, seek and knock" proverbial is becoming closer and closer in reality. You ask. Then you seek what you're asking for. You find it. You knock on the door to open and get you've been asking for.

From time perspective this proverbial lets you see yourself become more mature in time. When I was young I asked for things I wanted. As I came of age I sought for things I needed. When I became mature I sought to become a help to others.

It is the prayer, the one who prays, who asks, seeks and knocks. Thus, "Ask, seek and knock" is very hopeful. It is the look of faith that strives to achieve the true hope. Our true hope is Jesus Christ. He alone is our joy and peace. And, because He is alive and helps us the result of seeking by faith is always complete.

So we can say that Mt 7:7 is the picture of *giving* to the one who asks, *discovery* to the one who seeks and *opening* to the one who knocks. It is the *sure and certain* beginning of hope and cause of completion.

Ask! It is *Aiteo* in Greek. It is asking in humbleness. It is the petition of person who is lesser in position than he or she to whom the petition is made - like a child from a parent. Mt 6:33 encourages us to seek first His kingdom and His righteousness. God promises to give everything we need when we ask for things of God.

In His love we appreciate and become convinced and be confident of being God's children. *It is fitting for a child of God to ask for heavenly things.* God gives the power of the Holy Spirit when we ask in the Lord's name. Mt 21:22 assures us that prayer thru faith allows to receive anything we ask for!

Seek! *Zeteo.* It is *desiring.* It is a seeking *by thinking.* It can be a seeking *to understand* your calling and seeking *how to do* the will of God in your neck of the woods. We seek our ministry by taking up our cross daily! Let's hear from 1 Co 1:18. *"For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."*

Let's continue to listen in from 1 Co 1:22-24 *"Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God."*

Thru Bible study, worship, praise, thanksgiving, evangelism and in life difficulties we learn to come closer to God each day. In heavenly closeness we must learn the cross and live by it for the kingdom come on earth! We will never fail in meeting God thru the cross!

Knock! *Krouo.* It is to strike or to knock. You shall knock until the door opens. We must knocking on our closed door until the will of God is realized in our life. You can do this because you persevere; you've been persevering! You've experienced the the love of God, and have received His grace.

That is why you can learn to wait, endure until the heavenly door open and let the joy of praise and thanksgiving continue without ceasing. When the door opens after much asking and seeking and knocking there will be no more walls. Yes, closed door is just an extension of walls!

In Rev 21:12 we see that there are 12 gates with the names of 12 tribes in the temple of God in heaven. So, think of the tribe *Zebulun.* It means *habitation, you know, living together.* *There is hope in togetherness!*

In Gen 49:13 Jacob blessed by saying “Zebulun will live by the seashore and become a *haven for ships!*” *Haven is a place of where you can feel safe and take a rest. Haven is a place of refuge.*

Zebulun has the ministry of being a haven for ships in the sea. People in weariness by the great storms in the sea can come to Zebulun’s seashore and take time to rest, be refreshed and regain their strength. If you are willing, you can be like Zebulun’s door of rest to others, giving people hope and encouraging them to live in Christ.

Zebulun signifies hope. Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see (Heb 11:1). Hope becomes reality. Dreams come true. So, ask with all your heart and seek by faith and let the discovery of the secret of God be eternal openness in Jesus Christ.

Heb 6:19 says we have the hope of Christ as an anchor for our soul! God gives His grace to those who ask, seek and knock on the door. Prayer is asking what God desires. Ask, seek and knock is the beginning of prayer. Don’t hesitate. Don’t be afraid.

Ask for His kingdom and His righteousness and you shall be given! Seek your ministry by the Cross and you shall find the power of the Spirit every time! Knock and the door of understanding and thanksgiving will be open to you!