

Good morning, Church. Daily Reading, Matthew 6.

Have you ever asked a child if they want a cookie now or later? I am guessing by experience that the child is going to say "Now," most of the time. Yesterday, my daughter Kim asked her 4 year old son, Liam, if he wanted a cookie then or later on when all the kids were going to get their cookies. To my surprise, he waited. Total shock.

How about you, what would have you said, "Now or later?" Many times, we want what we want when we want it, and we don't have the patience to wait. We want food now. We want to feel better now. We want our money, yesterday. Waiting is no fun, and yet throughout scripture, we are called to wait. Wait on God and His perfect time.

Scripture does give us a promise about receiving blessings from the Lord. Psalm 37:4
"Delight yourself in the Lord,
and he will give you the desires of your heart." (ESV)

When we delight ourselves in the Lord and allow Him to be a part of our wants and desires, God gives us the desires of our hearts. Putting God first allows Him the opportunity to bless us, as opposed to when we ask for our own pleasures and are greedy, or we are living disobedient lives, or we are being anything but a blessing to others.

Proverbs 11:25 "Whoever brings blessing will be enriched,
and one who waters will himself be watered." (ESV)

I believe God wants to bless His children, but He also has certain expectations before we receive.

Seek God first. Ask with a thankful heart. Be a blessing to others. Remain in Christ. And follow His will. Then God will answer your prayers.