

Following last month's discussion of transitive verbs and affirmations, I decided to provide further elucidation on the subject. Specifically, I want to report on my investigations into the use of the transitive verbs, 'want and need'.

Biblically speaking, there are many references to 'wants and needs', and rather than quote all of the verses, I will generalize the more common inferences. God is supposed to fulfill all of our needs and provide us with whatever our hearts' desires are. As a young man, I had trouble understanding the differences between 'wants and needs', and it took me, becoming a Father, to really appreciate a simplistic discrimination between the words. Let me explain how the words of a small child almost thirty years ago had given some enlightenment to the subject.

The concept of God for small children involves the parents; that is, the parents are God to the child. This is why so many people carry the wounds of the small child because when wounded, abused, etc. during the early years, especially when the child is growing into concrete operations, the child's concept of God gets distorted. As you know, most parents do not recognize themselves as the God/parent for the child, and they don't operate within certain spiritual boundaries to facilitate that part of appropriate growth. When the child is in the infant stage, the parents, at all times, have to fulfill the needs of the baby or toddler. The baby is completely dependent upon the God/parents for all needs, which would include food, clothing, shelter, protection, and etc. After the child develops or should I say coaxed into simple word formation, like 'ma ma', 'da da', the formulation of short sentences will be forthcoming. Yes, you guessed it. The first sentence will, usually, contain, "I want". It was that first sentence from my first-born child that enlightened me to the discrete differences between 'wants and needs'.

My inclination, as a proud Father, was to fulfill all of my young child's 'wants', but I had to draw boundaries, which were based upon what I judged as appropriate and inclusive of a larger picture... the effect upon the family. Today, I find myself asking my two canine companions, "What do you want?" Of course, they are quick to answer in demonstrative ways of which all animal lovers would understand. The reason for bringing my dogs into the conversation is to further explain the concept of 'wants and needs'. To my animals, I am God. I fulfill all of their needs... food, water, shelter, protection, and etc. I, also, fulfill their 'wants', such as, treats, toys, rides in the truck, and Love. Above all of their 'wants' is my love, affection, and attention. We, as humans, are no different! We will search the ends of the earth to find it and do crazy things while looking for it.

God does not play favorites. Man does. God's love for man is always impinging upon the heart of man, but it is the issues of man that block the flow. If you will open your mind to all the ways that God supplies the needs to his children, then you will understand how God fulfills the heart's desires. I am always in awe of how the needs of animals are fulfilled in nature, and how we can become participants as Co-creators. It takes effort on our part to get to the specifics of what we really want, but the rewards are great. It has nothing to do with deserving or undeserving. It has to do with the birthright of all humans. Proclaim your birthright and allow God to fulfill your heart's desires (wants).

Peace Be With You

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