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Dear Friend,

Men rarely reach for what they need; but they will always reach for what they really want.

If you truly desire miracles and blessings in your life, you must be willing to reach for them. I have always said, "The grapes of blessings are never placed within your mouth; they are simply placed within your reach." God respects a reacher. God rewards a reacher.

The persistence of Henry Ford is legendary. A popular story tells of his desire to create an engine with all eight cylinders cast in one block. Every engineer who worked for him insisted it was impossible. However, Ford instructed them to pursue his project anyway and remain on the job until they succeeded.

Six months later, nothing had changed. One year later, those same engineers shook their heads dejectedly. "It's just impossible, Mr. Ford," they said. But Henry Ford possessed the determination and desire to succeed. He pressed them to continue and suddenly it happened. The secret was discovered. The famous V8 engine became a reality. Ford's unwavering desire revolutionized the automobile industry.

How strong is your desire? How intense is your craving for your dream to happen? You must despise where you are before you will ever be where you want to be. What do you love talking about? What books excite you? What receives your time and attention? What dominates your thoughts? What you think about the most is what you have chosen to master you.

There are two Scriptures that have helped me understand the power of desire.

1. *"Delight thyself also in the Lord; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart."* (Psalm 37:4)
2. *"What things so ever you desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them,"* (Mark 11:24).

You must possess more than a need for your miracle. You must possess true desire; enough desire to reach. Your desire will always make you go the extra mile, push a little harder and reach a little higher. Look at the fascinating picture in Mark 5.

A certain woman had been afflicted with an issue of blood for 12 years. She had spent all her money on physicians, and her condition had merely grown worse, but she carried a seed of desire within her. She wanted to be healed. She believed if she could touch the garment of Jesus, she would be made whole. The woman probably was in great pain. Undoubtedly, the thronging crowd made it nearly impossible for her to reach Jesus, but she made it. She touched Him! (When you want something badly enough you will somehow find a way to get it.)

*"And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague,"* (Mark 5:29).

Her need (or sickness) had to bow to her desire (the miracle of healing). Her desire became the master of her need. She forced need to whimper at the feet of desire. Desire won, and healing came. You can defeat sickness. You can conquer poverty. It all begins with an intense burning desire within you. Desires are like people. They are born, they grow and they can die.

Here are 3 ways you can feed the desire for your dream:

1. **Visualization – Sustaining the mental photograph of what you want to receive from God.** In Mark 5, the woman carried a dream in her heart and mind of her healing. “If I may touch but His clothes,” she said, “I shall be made whole.” She ignored the distraction of the crowd and reached for the dream within her and received her miracle. You must feed that desire daily.
2. **Associations – Wholesome relationships that create a momentum toward your dream.** It is exceedingly important to have the right kind of friends. Many people have lost motivation for their dreams because they associated with faithless and foolish people. “*He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed,*” (Proverbs 13:20). Do not expose your 8 x 12 dream to 5 x 7 mentalities around you. Disregard unkind words of critics. Dare to reach for the companionship of great thinkers. Invest in their books. Listen to their teaching CD’s, absorb their spirit and victorious attitudes that have driven them to great achievements.
3. **Concentration – Focus on the completion of one worthwhile goal at a time.** One of the most important things I have ever learned is to give total attention to one thing at a time. Abilities become lost through miss-focus.

Your creativity is a gift. Do not let it become your enemy. Harness it. It is better to complete one worthwhile goal than to begin 10 others. Your dream deserves your undivided attention.

Your Faithful Prayer Partner,



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