



February 2021

Dear Partner,

Winter is here, and I like it! There is something wonderful about cold, crisp, winter air. When you live in New Orleans, where it's usually so hot and humid, cold air just makes you want to go and *do* something—get outside, walk around...something! I don't know about you, but having no heat and no humidity is like Heaven to me.

I'm still so excited about the theme that the Lord gave to you and me for this year. I found the words when the Lord brought me to 2 Kings 4:2 where Elisha asked the widow woman, "*What shall I do for thee?*" Well, Partner, God is asking us that same question, and especially this year.

"*What shall I do for thee?*" isn't something to be afraid of thinking about—it's something to believe and receive. God is saying to you today, "What can I do for you?" I want you to visualize Him asking you that question. I want you to see your Father as not just merciful, loving, and forgiving, but also as generous and well able to do anything you ask with faith from the heart. So, let the words "*What shall I do for thee?*" really sink down into your spirit.

Be Persistent and Don't Give up—You Have a Right to Ask and Receive

Now, I want to take you to another scene in the Bible where Jesus asks a man the same thing. It's found in Mark 10:51. In this passage, blind Bartimaeus was sitting on the side of the road begging, and when he heard that Jesus was coming, he began to shout, "*Jesus, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me!*" He was shouting and trying to get Jesus' attention. He wanted Jesus to heal him so he could receive his eyesight.

Now, I want you to notice that blind Bartimaeus was asking for mercy. He was crying out. Jesus could see for Himself that the man was blind, and yet in Mark 10:51, He asked Bartimaeus this one question: "*What wilt thou that I should do unto thee?*" The Amplified Bible, Classic Edition says it this way: "*What do you want Me to do for you?*" That's our theme right there again in God's Word. I want you to see that Jesus wanted Bartimaeus to *verbalize* exactly what he wanted, even if it was obvious—to have the guts and the faith to be specific and ask for what he wanted. Partner, in my January Partner Letter, I said that all of us should ask, and ask big, and so I want to repeat that to you in this letter today: ASK, Partner, and ASK BIG!

My first point today is this: **Persistency in asking never fails to open up the floodgates of God's power.** What do you want, not just need? The reason He wants to give you what you want is found in Psalm 23:1 where it says, "*The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.*" Partner, is the Lord your

Shepherd or not? Well, is He??? Then you shall not want (more proof that God wants to do what you ask).

You see, the Lord will fulfill those wants so that you end up wanting nothing because you have all you want! But to get anything from the Lord, you must follow the Lord, your Shepherd's voice, and so you need to listen when He asks you, "*What shall I do for thee?*" and then respond. Be persistent. Don't give up. You have a right to ask, a right to receive, and a right to say to anyone, "*The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want!*" Glory!

Your Destiny Is in Your Asking—C'mon, Partner, Ask in Faith!

That blind beggar in the Bible knew Jesus was going to heal him. How did he know? Destiny! I believe he was destined to be in the right place at the right time, and I believe the same thing for you.

My second point today is this: **Don't let your destiny pass you by.** God carries your destiny—and He will help anyone who will *receive* their destiny. You can choose to do whatever you want. Bartimaeus could have chosen to not answer Jesus' question. If He had let his destiny pass him by, he would have remained in his usual life—blind, wishing for better, and living in the dark. He would have missed out on seeing anything change in his life. He would have remained blind.

Your destiny is set before you right now in your request before God. C'mon, Partner, ask! Think about what you really want and ask. Open your heart and your mouth to God and ask in faith, knowing that He wants to hear you say the answer to His question, "*What shall I do for thee?*"

I know people will say, "That can't be so" or "That won't happen; it doesn't work that way"—but just remember that people who dismiss the Lord's question are the same ones who will miss their own opportunity, their own destiny, and never reach their true destination in life. We have to be willing to be obedient to the Lord. We have to be willing to answer when He asks. We have to be willing to have faith in Him.

So, right now, remove all the fears of obscurity you may have—you are *not* anonymous or unimportant to the Lord. Remove all the feelings of insignificance you may have—you are *not* irrelevant or inconsequential in His plan for your life or this world. God is waiting for you to open your mouth wide so He can fill it with good things (Psalm 81:10).

Bartimaeus would not let his chance go by. When people around him told him to keep his peace and shut up, Bartimaeus didn't listen because he knew they just wanted to hold him back—they didn't want change. But, Partner, faith will make a man cry out louder, and a cry of faith like that will get him heard! It's time for the answers to *your* cries to come, don't you think? If you agree, I want you to remember this: Jesus responded to the *faith* behind the cry of Bartimaeus (not just the crying out itself) just like He responded to the *faith* behind the touch of the woman with the issue of blood, who reached for His garment as He walked by.

Do you remember in the Word when Jesus asked who touched Him, and the disciples were incredulous because the crowd was thronging all around them? The Word says He felt virtue leave Him with one particular touch—the touch of faith. The woman didn't just grab Jesus' garment. Her faith drew His attention, even though it was at the bottom of some fabric near to the ground. My point is that we often cry out about a problem or say something we want, but we must ask ourselves what's beneath the cry and the statement of what we want? Is it faith? Not everybody who cries out does so with faith. Not everyone who asks does so with faith. The core of our crying out and our asking must be *faith*.

Get Ready—The Light Is About to Start Burning Brightly in Your Life

My third point today is this: **We all know about Christ, but it's time that we get in touch with Him.** How many times have people gone to church and walked out with the same mindset they came in with? Not anymore, Partner! To get in touch with God, you have to use His language—say something with faith. Talk! That's right, it's about conversation. Believe that He is hearing your voice. Today, I believe that this letter will take you out of religious darkness and bring you into His marvelous light.

That's what Peter said Jesus did in his own life—his connection to Christ brought him out of darkness and into God's marvelous light (1 Peter 2:9).

Partner, when you start asking the way the Word says to ask, get ready, the lights will start burning brightly in your life. This year's theme is going to get you all that you need, all that you desire, and all that you want, if you believe what God says instead of what people say.

Don't Shut Up or Stay Content with Lack—God Is Asking, “*What Shall I Do for Thee?*”

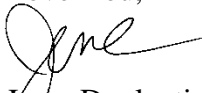
Now, let me give you a warning! Are you ready? This is my fourth point I want to make today: **The world around you wants to see you make a living out of lacking nearly everything.** Blind Bartimaeus made a living out of his lack of eyesight—his affliction was central to his occupation. He became a beggar, and the world told him to shut up when he cried out for mercy from the affliction. They wanted him to be content with his place in life. Isn't that sad?

But, Partner, God is saying from Heaven today, “*What shall I do for thee?*” Oh, I hope you are getting this! God wants to bless you spiritually, physically, and financially. So, let Him! Let Him be the Father He wants to be to you.

In closing, let me say this: God never leaves a person where He finds them. He has more for you and for all of us who follow His lead and take a hold of our opportunities in Him. That's why He put sowing and reaping in the Scripture. He wants the harvest for you more than you can imagine. So, as you sow your seed into this ministry, imagine the harvest coming back to you 100-fold! Partner, that's in *everything!* And, remember to ask big when you answer the question, “*What shall I do for thee?*”

Last month I told you that we here at the ministry are believing to double everything we do this year—more souls, more healings, more people being debt free. Pray in agreement with us for that. I know it's going to happen! I've seen the light about it. So, until next time, Partner, keep the faith...don't let it go!

Love You,



Jesse Duplantis

P.S. For your February Partnership of \$50 or more, I have chosen another powerful and compelling message, ***I've Fallen In Love With The World*** (available on DVD, CD, or both formats). Or for your Partnership of any amount, you can request this message on CD. See the enclosure or go to JDM.org (click on “Donate”) to get your copy today. We love you, Partner!



“What Shall
I Do For Thee? ”
2 KINGS 4:2



**BE
PERSISTENT**
and
DON'T GIVE UP—

You Have a Right to Ask and Receive!

February 2021
Partner Letter Bible Study Notes

Be Persistent and Don't Give Up

1st Week February 2021 Bible Study Notes

Open Bible Study in prayer (led by the group leader or someone they choose).

It is so exciting to study God's Word together and discover the wonderful plan that He has for all of us.

*Instruct the group to turn to 2 Kings 4.

Last month, we began our 2021 Bible Study based on six words Elisha asked the widow woman, *"What shall I do for thee?"*

- Well, God is asking us that same question, and it is actually our theme for this year.

*Invite someone in the group to read 2 Kings 4:1-2 KJV:

1. Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did fear the LORD: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be bondmen.

2. And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil.

Notice that the question *"What shall I do for thee?"* isn't something we need to be afraid to think about.

- It's something for us to believe and receive from our Heavenly Father.
- You have a right to ask and receive from Him.
- So, let these words, *"What shall I do for thee?"* really sink down into your spirit today.

*Group Discussion: Can you visualize Him asking, "What can I do for you?"

The Word of God is filled with examples to help you to see your Heavenly Father as merciful, loving, and forgiving.

- It also reveals Him as generous and well able to do anything you ask Him with faith from your heart.

In this month's Bible Study, we will go deeper to understand how to be "Be Persistent and Don't Give Up!"

*Instruct the group to turn to Mark 10:46.

Let's look at another scene in the Bible where Jesus asks a man this same question that God is asking us in our study: *"What shall I do for thee?"*

*Invite someone in the group to read Mark 10:46-52 KJV:

46. And they came to Jericho: and as He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging.

47. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me.

48. And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me.

49. And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; He calleth thee.

50. And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus.

51. And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight.

52. And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.

In this passage of Scripture, blind Bartimaeus was sitting on the side of the road begging.

- When he heard that Jesus was coming, he began to shout, *“Jesus, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me!”*
- He was shouting and trying to get Jesus’ attention.
- He wanted Jesus to heal him so he could receive his eyesight.

Notice that blind Bartimaeus was asking for mercy.

- When the crowd charged him to hold his peace, he cried out even louder.
- Now, Jesus could see for Himself that Bartimaeus was blind.
- But He still asked him a question similar to the theme that God gave us for this year.

Let’s look again at verse 51 in the Amplified Bible, Classic Edition:

***Invite someone in the group to read Mark 10:51 AMPC:**

“And Jesus said to him, What do you want Me to do for you? And the blind man said to Him, Master, let me receive my sight.”

That’s our theme right there again in God’s Word.

- Notice that Jesus wanted Bartimaeus to *verbalize* exactly what he wanted.
- Even if it was obvious, he needed the guts and the faith to be specific and ask for what he wanted.

***Instruct the group to turn to Psalm 23:1.**

In January, we learned that all of us should ask, and ask big.

- This month, we need to repeat that powerful statement: ASK, and ASK BIG!

This brings us to the first point of this month’s Bible Study: Persistency in asking never fails to open up the floodgates of God’s power.

***Group Discussion: Are you thinking about asking God for what you want, and not just asking Him for what you need?**

The reason God wants to give you what you want is found in Psalm 23:1.

***Invite someone in the group to read Psalm 23:1 KJV:**

“The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.”

Think about that!

- Is the Lord your Shepherd or not? Well, is He???
- Then you shall not want! (This is more proof that God wants to do what you ask).

The Lord will fulfill your wants.

- You shall not want because you have all you want!

But you must follow the Lord, your Shepherd’s voice, to get anything from the Lord.

- You must listen when He asks, *“What shall I do for thee?”* and then respond.

Be persistent. Don’t give up.

- You have a right to ask and a right to receive.
- You have a right to say to anyone, *“The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want!”*

Confess What God Shall Do for You:

1. My Father is merciful, loving, forgiving, generous, and well able to do anything I ask with faith from my heart. I let His question, *“What shall I do for thee?”* really sink down into my spirit.
2. Persistency in asking never fails to open up the floodgates of God’s power. I have a right to say, *“The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.”*

Close in Prayer.

Be Persistent and Don't Give Up

2nd Week February 2021 Bible Study Notes

Open Bible Study in prayer (led by the group leader or someone they choose).

Today, we will continue with part two of this month's Bible Study and learn more about how to "Be Persistent and Don't Give Up!"

*Instruct the group to turn to Mark 10.

Last week, we read about a persistent blind man that cried out for mercy and got the attention of Jesus.

- Let's look again at Jesus' question and Bartimaeus' answer.

*Invite someone in the group to read Mark 10:51 AMPC:

"And Jesus said to him, What do you want Me to do for you? And the blind man said to Him, Master, let me receive my sight."

Did you notice our theme right there again in God's Word?

- Now Jesus could see for Himself that Bartimaeus was blind, but Jesus wanted him to be specific and *verbalize* exactly what he wanted.

That blind beggar in the Bible knew Jesus was going to heal him.

- How did he know? Destiny!
- He was destined to be in the right place at the right time, and so are you.

The second point in the Bible Study this month is: Don't let your destiny pass you by!

- God carries your destiny—and He will help anyone who will *receive* their destiny.
- You can choose to do whatever you want.

Bartimaeus could have chosen to not answer Jesus' question.

- If he had let his destiny pass him by, he would have remained in his usual life—blind, wishing for better, and living in the dark.
- He would have missed out on seeing anything change in his life.
- He would have remained blind.

Your destiny is set before you right now in your request before God.

- Think about what you really want and ask.
- Open your heart and your mouth to God and ask in faith, knowing that He wants to hear you answer His question, "*What shall I do for thee?*"

***Group Discussion: Is there a specific promise in God's Word that you need to ask Him for today?**

Some people will say, "That can't be so" or "That won't happen; it doesn't work that way."

- Just remember that people who dismiss the Lord's question are the same ones who will miss their own opportunity, their own destiny, and never reach their true destination in life.

***Instruct the group to turn to Psalm 81:10.**

We have to be willing to be obedient to the Lord.

- We have to be willing to answer when He asks.
- We have to be willing to have faith in Him.

So, right now, remove all the fears of obscurity you may have.

- You are *not* anonymous or unimportant to the Lord.

Remove all the feelings of insignificance you may have.

- You are *not* irrelevant or inconsequential in His plan for your life or this world.

***Invite someone in the group to read Psalm 81:10 KJV:**

"I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it."

- God is waiting for you to open your mouth wide so He can fill it with good things.

***Instruct the group to turn to Matthew 9:20.**

Bartimaeus was persistent and would not let his chance go by.

- When people around him told him to keep his peace and shut up, Bartimaeus didn't listen and he did not give up.
- He knew they just wanted to hold him back—they didn't want change.
- But faith will make a man cry out louder, and a cry of faith like that will get him heard!

***Group Discussion: Don't you think that it is time for the answers to your cries to come?**

Remember that Jesus responded to the *faith* behind the cry of Bartimaeus (not just the crying out itself).

- In this same way, Jesus responded to the *faith* behind the touch of the woman with the issue of blood, who reached for His garment as He walked by.

***Invite someone in the group to read Matthew 9:20-22 KJV:**

"And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind Him, and touched the hem of His garment: For she said within herself, If I may but touch His garment, I shall be whole. But Jesus turned Him about, and when He saw her, He said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour."

This powerful story is also described in the Gospel of Mark and Luke.

- He asked who touched Him, even though a crowd was thronging all around them.
- Jesus felt virtue leave Him with one particular touch—the touch of faith.

The woman didn't just grab Jesus' garment.

- Her faith drew His attention, even though it was at the bottom of some fabric near to the ground.

The point is that we often cry out about a problem or say something we want, but we must ask ourselves what's beneath the cry and the statement of what we want.

- Is it faith? Not everybody who cries out does so with faith.
- Not everyone who asks does so with faith.

The core of our crying out and our asking must be *faith*.

Confess What God Shall Do for You:

1. My destiny is in my asking, and I ask in faith! I will not let my destiny pass me by. I am destined to be in the right place at the right time and reach my true destination in life.
2. I am obedient to the Lord. I have faith in Him and remove all the fears of obscurity. I am important, significant, and relevant in His plan for my life and the world.
3. Jesus responded to the *faith* behind the cry of Bartimaeus and the touch of the woman. The core of my crying out and my asking is *faith*, and it is time for the answers to *my* cries to come!

Close in Prayer.

Be Persistent and Don't Give Up

3rd Week February 2021 Bible Study Notes

Open Bible Study in prayer (led by the group leader or someone they choose).

This year, our Bible Study will be based on the six words Elisha asked the widow woman, *"What shall I do for thee?"*

- God is asking us that same question, and it is actually our theme for this year.

God is saying to you today, "What can I do for you?"

- He wants these words, *"What shall I do for thee?"* to really sink down into your spirit.

Your Father is merciful, loving, forgiving, generous, and well able to do anything you ask with faith from your heart.

- Persistency in asking never fails to open up the floodgates of God's power.
- You have a right to say, *"The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want."*

***Instruct the group to turn to Mark 10:46.**

Today, we will continue with this month's Bible Study titled: "Be Persistent and Don't Give Up!"

- Remember, you have a right to ask and receive.

We have been learning so much from the powerful example of a persistent blind man that cried out to Jesus.

- He refused to give up and received what he wanted from Jesus.

***Invite someone in the group to read Mark 10:46-52 KJV:**

46. And they came to Jericho: and as He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging.

47. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me.

48. And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me.

49. And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; He calleth thee.

50. And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus.

51. And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight.

52. And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.

Bartimaeus realized that his destiny was in his asking.

- He asked in faith and did not let his destiny pass him by.
- He was destined to be in the right place at the right time and reach his true destination in life.

***Group Discussion: What can you learn from Bartimaeus' example of complete obedience to the Lord?**

Like Bartimaeus, you must have faith in Jesus and remove all the fears of obscurity.

- You must realize that you are important, significant, and relevant in His plan for your life and the world.

***Invite someone in the group to read Mark 10:46-52 AMPC:**

46. Then they came to Jericho. And as He was leaving Jericho with His disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, a son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside.

47. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, saying, Jesus, Son of David, have pity and mercy on me [now]!

48. And many severely censured and reproved him, telling him to keep still, but he kept on shouting out all the more, You Son of David, have pity and mercy on me [now]!

49. And Jesus stopped and said, Call him. And they called the blind man, telling him, Take courage! Get up! He is calling you.

50. And throwing off his outer garment, he leaped up and came to Jesus.

51. And Jesus said to him, What do you want Me to do for you? And the blind man said to Him, Master, let me receive my sight.

52. And Jesus said to him, Go your way; your faith has healed you. And at once he received his sight and accompanied Jesus on the road.

This example makes it very clear that Jesus always responds to faith.

- Like Bartimaeus, you must be persistent and don't give up.

***Instruct the group to turn to 1 Peter 2:9.**

Let's examine the third point in this month's Bible Study: We all know about Christ, but it's time that we get in touch with Him.

- How many times have people gone to church and walked out with the same mindset they came in with?

To get in touch with God, you have to use His language—say something with faith.

- Talk to God!
- It's about having a conversation with Him.
- Believe that He is hearing your voice.

***Invite someone in the group to read 1 Peter 2:9 KJV:**

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him Who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light."

When you believe, it will take you out of religious darkness and bring you into His marvelous light.

- That's what Peter said Jesus did in his own life—his connection to Christ brought him out of darkness and into God's marvelous light.

***Group Discussion: Has this study helped you to ask God for what you want?**

When you start asking the way the Word says to ask, get ready, the lights will start burning brightly in your life.

- This year's theme is going to get you all that you need, all that you desire, and all that you want, if you believe what God says instead of what people say.

Confess What God Shall Do for You:

1. I use God's language of faith and I get in touch with Him. My connection to Christ brings me out of darkness and into God's marvelous light.
2. I am asking the way the Word says to ask, and I'm ready for the lights to burn brightly in my life. This year's theme is going to get me all that I need, all that I desire, and all that I want.

Close in Prayer.

Be Persistent and Don't Give Up

4th Week February 2021 Bible Study Notes

Open Bible Study in prayer (led by the group leader or someone they choose).

Throughout 2021, our monthly Bible Studies will center around our theme, *"What shall I do for thee?"*

- These are the words that Elisha asked a desperate woman that came to him for help.
- God is asking us that same question and is expecting a response from us today.

Last week, we saw that we must learn to use God's language of faith and get in touch with Him.

- We learned that our connection to Christ brings us out of darkness and into God's marvelous light.

Remember that we must ask the way the Word says to ask and get ready for the lights to burn brightly in our lives.

- We must let these words, *"What shall I do for thee?"* really sink down into our spirit.
- Believe that this year's theme is going to get us all that we need, all that we desire, and all that we want.

*Instruct the group to turn to Mark 10:46.

Today, we will conclude this month's Bible Study titled, **"Be Persistent and Don't Give Up!"**

- Remember, you have a right to ask and receive.
- Persistency in asking never fails to open up the floodgates of God's power.

Let's look in The Message Bible for a clearer understanding of what happened to a blind man that cried out for mercy from Jesus.

*Invite someone in the group to read Mark 10:46-52 in The Message Bible:

46. They spent some time in Jericho. As Jesus was leaving town, trailed by his disciples and a parade of people, a blind beggar by the name of Bartimaeus, son of Timaeus, was sitting alongside the road.

47. When he heard that Jesus the Nazarene was passing by, he began to cry out, "Son of David, Jesus! Mercy, have mercy on me!"

48. Many tried to hush him up, but he yelled all the louder, "Son of David! Mercy, have mercy on me!"

49. Jesus stopped in his tracks. "Call him over." They called him. "It's your lucky day! Get up! He's calling you to come!"

50. Throwing off his coat, he was on his feet at once and came to Jesus.

51. Jesus said, "What can I do for you?" The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see."

52. "On your way," said Jesus. "Your faith has saved and healed you." In that very instant he recovered his sight and followed Jesus down the road.

When Bartimaeus threw off his coat, he was throwing away his old life.

- Beggars were defined by the cloak they wore, which gave them permission to beg.
- Usually, the cloak was the beggar's only possession and their only source of income.
- The only way that he could support himself financially was to beg.

Notice that Jesus wanted Bartimaeus to verbalize exactly what he wanted.

- Even if it was obvious, he needed the faith to be specific and ask for what he wanted.
- But Jesus still asked Bartimaeus a question similar to the theme that God has given us for this year: *"What shall I do for thee?"*

***Group Discussion: Is there something that you want God to do for you but you have been hesitant to ask?**

Bartimaeus could have chosen to not answer Jesus' question.

- If he had let his destiny pass him by, he would have remained in his usual life—blind, wishing for better, and living in the dark.
- He would have missed out on seeing anything change in his life.
- He would have remained blind.

Bartimaeus' story is a challenge to be persistent and don't let your destiny pass you by.

- Your destiny is set before you right now in your request before God.

Get ready for the fourth point in our Bible Study this month: The world around you wants to see you make a living out of lacking nearly everything.

- Blind Bartimaeus made a living out of his lack of eyesight—his affliction was central to his occupation.

He became a beggar, and the world told him to shut up when he cried out for mercy from the affliction.

- They wanted him to be content with his place in life. Isn't that sad?

***Group Discussion: Have you noticed that the world wants to see you make a living out of lacking nearly everything, too?**

But God is saying from Heaven today, "What shall I do for thee?"

- God wants to bless you spiritually, physically, and financially.
- So, let Him! Let Him be the Father He wants to be to you.

***Instruct the group to turn to 2 Corinthians 9:6.**

God never leaves a person where He finds them.

- He has more for you and for all of us who follow His lead and take a hold of our opportunities in Him.

That's why He put sowing and reaping in the Scripture.

- He wants the harvest for you more than you can imagine.

***Invite someone in the group to read 2 Corinthians 9:6 AMPC:**

"[Remember] this: he who sows sparingly and grudgingly will also reap sparingly and grudgingly, and he who sows generously [that blessings may come to someone] will also reap generously and with blessings."

So, each time you sow your seed, imagine the harvest coming back to you 100-fold!

- That's in *everything*!

Ask big when you answer the question, "What shall I do for thee?"

- Keep the faith and don't let it go.

Be persistent and don't give up!

Confess What God Shall Do for You:

1. The world around me wants to see me make a living out of lacking nearly everything. I refuse to shut up or stay content with lack.
2. God has more for me. I follow His lead and take a hold of my opportunities in Him. God wants to bless me spiritually, physically, and financially, so I let Him.
3. I will ask big when God says, "What shall I do for thee?" I will keep the faith and will not let it go!

Close in Prayer.