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# RE- FLECTING GOD

**11/14/12 - Trusting God With My Needs**

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Matthew 6:1-15

My five-year-old has reached the "I want" stage. Something catches her eye and she'll ask for it. Ignoring her won't work. She'll just ask again. Trying to explain that something is expensive or that she doesn't really need it will draw the response, "I just want to feel special." She is so persistent that we eventually have to tell her to stop asking or else.

I think a lot of us have this same attitude when it comes to asking of God. We'll decide that we need something and that need will dominate our prayer time. Some of us worry that God won't hear our request, so we ask our friends to join in the petition. Instead of praying so that our heart comes into unity with God's heart, we act as if God needs persuasion. Jesus reminded us that God already knows what we need before we ask. The question is, "Do we really trust our heavenly Father to give us what we need?"

God wants us to be persistent in prayer. However, he prefers that we ask for things according to his will. Do you trust God enough to seek the things he wants to give?