

Be Careful What You Ask For?

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God does not answer our prayers in ways that will harm us to teach us a lesson about being careful what we ask for. He only gives good to His children. If you ask God to do something that He knows will harm you, He will not do it. His Spirit will reason with your spirit about what is best.

James 1:17

*Every **good** gift and every **perfect** gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.*

It also isn't true that God will do what we ask Him not to do. As a child, it was often said if someone asked to not be sent as a missionary to a certain country, then God would see to it that that person ended up going there. This caused me to develop a fearful image of God and to be less open to His calling.

The truth is, God works in our hearts to bring about His will in our lives giving us both the will and ability to do His will. We don't need to live in fear He might do something we are not willing to do.

Also, let us remember the passion Paul had concerning fulfilling the ministry given to Him by God. When God calls us, He puts that desire in our hearts to complete it.

Philippians 2:13

For it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure