

The Course's approach to God supplying our needs

There are a number of places where the Course talks about material things or circumstances coming to us from a spiritual source. Our picture will be based on seven such places:

“Leaving Your Needs to Him” (T-13.VIII).

Only the Holy Spirit knows what you need, for He will give you all things that do not block the way to light....And yet He knows that everything you need is temporary, and needs but last until you step aside from *all* your needs and learn that all of them have been fulfilled. Therefore, He has no investment in the things that He supplies, except to make certain that you will not use them on behalf of lingering in time....

Leave, then, your needs to Him. He will supply them with no emphasis at all upon them.

“Once you accept His plan as the one function that you would fulfill” (T-20.IV.9-10)

Once you accept His plan as the one function that you would fulfill, there will be nothing else the Holy Spirit will not arrange for you without your effort.

He will go before you, making straight your path, and leaving in your way no stones to trip on and no obstacles to bar your way.

Lesson 187—when you give something, the idea grows and comes back to you in better form

And we do not lack for proof that when we give ideas away, we strengthen them in our own minds. Perhaps the form in which the thought seems to appear is changed in giving. Yet it must return to him who gives. Nor can the form it takes be less acceptable. It must be more.

Lesson 242—I do not ask for anything I think I want. Give me what You would have received by me.

*We do not ask
for anything that we may think we want.
Give us what You would have received by us.
You know all our desires and our needs.
And You will give us all things that we want
and that will help us find the way to You.*

Lesson 345—the miracles I give come back just the form I need to solve my problems

*The miracles I give
are given back in just the form I need
to help me with the problems I perceive.*

“The Question of Payment” (P-3.III)—if the therapist passes on free healing from God, God will give him the money he needs to live

It has well been said that to him who hath shall be given. Because he has, he can give. And because he gives, he shall be given. This is the law of God, and not of the world. So it is with God’s healers. They give because they have heard His Word and understood it. All that they need will thus be given them.

The Song of Prayer—Pray for the song of God’s love, not for specifics, and the echoes will come along with it.

The form of the answer, if given by God, will suit your need as you see it. This is merely an echo of the reply of His Voice. The real sound is always a song of thanksgiving and of Love.

You cannot, then, ask for the echo. It is the song that is the gift. Along with it come the overtones, the harmonics, the echoes, but these are secondary. In true prayer you hear only the song. All the rest is merely added. You have sought first the Kingdom of Heaven, and all else has indeed been given you.

Some additional relevant passages

Then I asked for forgiveness for having thrown away all that money; but he said “it’s all right. You lived in scarcity then, but now you are forgiven, so you live in abundance. There is no longer any need to throw anything away, or to want for anything, either.” (Helen’s Notes)

I prompted that call from Jack (taxi man – couldn’t pick Helen Schucman up, etc.) to show you that this is not necessary [neglecting to ask Jesus when to stop taking dictation]. Also, the other man needed the money more today. (Helen’s Notes)

Prayer can ~~safely~~ be very [1b.12] specific in little matters. If you need a coat, ask me where to find one. I know your taste well, and I also know where the coat is that you would eventually buy anyway....

I cannot save you more time than you will let Me, but if you are willing to try the Higher Shopping Service, which also covers all lower-order necessities, and even quite a number of whims within reason, I have very good use for the time we could save.

Remember, the specific answer you get depends on the specific question you ask. The fewer limits you impose, the better the answer you’ll get. Ex: You could ask where can I find a Borgana coat? or where is the coat I want? or where is the coat I should get? and so on. (Cameo 6)

The whole picture

1. You make your life about higher things—about the spiritual journey

- You seek God and His love above all else

- You are focused on giving:
 - You accept His plan as your one function, seeing yourself as being on earth only for this
 - You devote yourself to giving miracles to others

2. You don't make it about acquiring things of this earth—the physical journey

- Material things are no longer your gods
- You don't decide what things you need
- You don't ask God to give you things you want
- Rather than devoting your energies to acquiring things, you let Him take care of your needs
- In your function, you are there to pass on free gifts from God, so you give freely to those who cannot pay you.

3. If so, then God takes care of your material needs without your effort and in the way that's best for you—so that they serve your journey to Him rather than delay it

- The Holy Spirit will supply your material and financial needs *without your effort*.
- Your problems will be miraculously solved for you. Obstacles and difficulties will melt away *before you reach them*.
- The things you'll get will be better for you, for He knows your desires and needs better than you do.
- He'll give you what serves your *true* need—to get home to God. Thus, He'll give you things that help you get home.
- He won't give you things that weigh you down, that block the way to light.
- He'll supply things with no emphasis at all upon them, for that would weigh you down.

As *The Song of Prayer* puts it, by aiming for the song of God's love, the echoes come along as an automatic byproduct.

But it's also the *right* echoes, the ones that serve your journey *to* the song.