HELEN SANDERS 1-14-2024 ANTICIPATION

I have met many people in my life, and often you can tell where their faith is by their words. Many anticipate that bad things are going to come their way. They expect to get the flu. They expect to be taken advantage of. They anticipate that many things will happen, but in reality, they never happen. Or, if they do, they will say, "I knew it." Their fearful words brought it to pass.

It is not wrong to anticipate, but we should anticipate that God wants to bring good things into our lives. He is not an abusive father, looking for an opportunity to bring bad things to you.

In Matthew 7:7 it says, "Ask, and it shall be given you, seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."

That is a powerful scripture. Do you anticipate that you will be given good things when you ask God for them? Or do you anticipate a "no" from God? We need to change our thinking and anticipate that he wants to bless us. What about a closed door? If God has given you a door to go through, then He will open it. He wants to bless his children. Now it is up to us to anticipate that it will come to us. Yes, it may be in his timing, but while we wait, we anticipate that it will happen.

Do not let Satan fill your mind with doubt and fear. Trust God and believe that he wants to take care of every need you have. After all, he knows you better than anyone, so He knows exactly what you need.

So, start asking God for what you need in faith and anticipate that it will happen. Do not be like the person that is doubleminded in James 1:7. They believe, then they doubt. They will not receive anything. Faith anticipates. Fear doubts and does not trust God.