

## Reflecting the Principle through Self Evaluation Life Principle #11

*God assumes full responsibility for our needs when we obey Him. .*

- What self dependency habits do you have which keep you from resting in the truth that God will supply all your needs?
- Review the *Possible Causes of Unmet Needs* listed below and on the other side of this card. Are any of these causes prevalent in your life?

### Possible Causes of Unmet Needs

- **We confuse needs with wants.** We should evaluate whether our request is a longing or a necessity. Ask the Father to help you discern between desires and essentials. Remember that He knows what we lack, even before we tell Him (Matt. 6:8).
- **We claim Scripture - but out of context.** Philippians 4:19 says, “My God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.” This promise doesn’t apply to those who live in rebellion against Him. Sometimes the Lord will postpone answering our prayers until He can deal with an area of sin in our life.

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- **We don't ask.** “Ask and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find” (Matt. 7:7). Do you go to the Lord with your requests? If not, you can't expect to receive those things from Him. But be sure your motives are pure, because the Father will not reward selfishness (James 4:3).
- **We fail to do our part.** God will not do what you are equipped to accomplish yourself. For example, you should work - unless a disability prevents you from holding a job (2 Thess. 3:7-10).
- **We neglect to wait on God's timing.** Don't rush into something or try to pressure the Lord. We miss out on wonderful gifts because we refuse to wait on God.
- **We aren't open to the Lord's methods.** Don't tell Him how to meet your need. Sometimes God will provide through people you don't know or in ways you least expect.
- **We lose focus.** When you constantly think about your need, it becomes larger in your mind, and as a result, God seems smaller. Jesus told His followers to “seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you” (Matt. 6:33). This means our primary goal should be to honor the Lord.
- **We don't trust God.** Our Savior promised, “All things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be granted you” (Mark 11:24). If God has confirmed He'll meet your need, then you can be confident that He will do it.