

Wednesday - March 16

Continue to ask, and God will give to you. Continue to search, and you will find. Continue to knock, and the door will open for you.

Matthew 7:7 (ERV)

Several years ago there was a seminar in Cincinnati. A group of us decided to attend to grow in our faith. I procrastinated in registering. When I did the door was shut. NO! It can't be! All my friends were signed up.

I called the registrar and was put on a long maybe list. I didn't have much chance. I let God know my predicament and asked for help. I persisted in calling back several times. Same response! I kept praying. There must be a way, God!

One day I had lunch with another friend. I complained about missing my chance to attend a great seminar. She said she'd signed up, but sadly couldn't go. She readily agreed I could take her place. God answered my prayers.

Excitedly I phoned the registrar and explained I had found a way, but she said, "No, that wouldn't be fair." "But." "No buts!"

Depressed I hung up, and rather angrily asked God, "Why?" Two days later the phone rang. It was the registrar. She said they'd reconsidered my request. I was allowed to attend. You can imagine my prayer of thanks that day!

Like Matthew says, be persistent, keep knocking. I know that it doesn't always happen, but I have faith that God will even then provide a blessing if we're open to seeing it.

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Prayer: Lord, doors are often hard to open, we need Your help. Bless us with persistence and guide us in the direction we need to go to find the right key. Amen.