

John 15:7

If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

Don't we all love this verse? But I wonder if we truly understand it?

People tend to use it to try and get what they want, because after all it says: *you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.* Which is true, but this is a two part verse, you can't have the second part; *you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you,* without the first part; *If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you.*

What if we loved the first part of this verse so much that we don't even think about the second part?

† *If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you.*

Forget about asking for stuff, but just abiding in Jesus, and allowing His word to abide in us. The Message bible puts it this way:

† **John 15:7 (MSG)** *But if you make yourselves at home with me and my words are at home in you.*

Make yourselves at home with me. What if we made ourselves at home with Jesus, like we actually knew Jesus was with us in our homes, jobs, schools, stores, anywhere we went, Jesus was right there with us. Your relationship would be so close, closer than a husband and wife, or mother and a child, a closeness that we all desire with our Creator and Savior. With that kind of closeness, you are perfectly content with what you have and who you are.

My words abide in you reminds me of when I'm in church and the pastor is quoting verses from the bible, and as he does, I help him quote them as I quietly speak out the rest of the verse he is quoting, because Jesus' words abide in me. Like a husband and wife finishing each other's sentences, because they already know what they are going to say.

Just looking at the first half of this verse like we have, have you already forgotten the second half about asking for things? I hope so. But once you have that close type of relationship with the Lord, then the second half comes to light and what you normally would ask for doesn't even come to mind anymore, because you are content just being with the Lord Jesus.

Then you will *ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.* What is different now in what you ask for? Well, if you are so content with your walk with Jesus, your requests would no longer be for yourself, but for others. Why, because you are abiding with Jesus and His word

abides in you that you have the mind of Christ, which was never self-seeking , but rather seeking for the needs of other.

† **1 Corinthians 2:16 (NLT)** *For, “Who can know the LORD’s thoughts? Who knows enough to teach him?” But we understand these things, for we have the mind of Christ.*

† **Matthew 20:28 (NLT)** *For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.*