

Oh that God would graunt me the thing that I long for.

Jcb vi. 8.



"I WILL KNOCK AGAIN."

IT was a bitter cold day. A poor man was trudging along, carrying in a basket his little stock of fruit. He had been unsuccessful in making any sales that day. At length he came to the residence of a merchant, and knocked. At that moment the merchant was thinking over some business difficulties, and better still had been praying about them. Still the cloud was not removed, and at times he was led to ask, "Will He be favorable no more?" The knock aroused him from his reverie. "I may as well answer it myself," thought he. At the door stood the poor man, who at once endeavored to sell some of his wares. "None to-day," was the answer given. He turned sadly, and lifting his basket moved slowly away. The gentleman stood at the window, and noticed the slow movements of the man, who at last stopped, looked back, and then he hastily stepped back to the door, and raising the knocker,

brought it down with such force as to startle the annoyed yet amused gentleman.

"What can the man mean," thought he. "I told you," he said when he had opened the door, "that I should not buy anything to-day."

"Sir," said the poor man; "Forgive me. It was very bold to come back; but," and his hands and his lips trembled with emotion, "I can't sell my oranges, and I know they are good ones. Please, sir, do buy a few for I am hungry."

And he succeeded. That second knock did the business. And the gentleman learned a lesson also. "I will knock again, and again," said he. "How faithless I was to think myself repulsed because my prayer has not been immediately answered. Lord help me." And he did knock again, and received an answer.

Christian reader, do you ever pray, and fancy that your petitions are unheeded? Then, pray again.

**Ask and ye shall receive,
Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and it shall be opened unto you.**

—Selected.

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John xvi. 24.