

“Finding What You Need”

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The other day, as I was checking out of Costco, the clerk asked me, “Did you find everything you needed?” I told her that I also needed smaller items and I would find them at another store. I’m asked that question almost whenever I purchase items at most stores. To complete the inquiry, when I returned home, my wife asked, “Did you get everything on the list?”

While sitting at the dining table talking about one of our granddaughters who was interviewing for a job, I thought about ‘finding what you need’. I brushed it off because I had seen everything I needed on the list, shopping at several stores. However, the thought kept reoccurring, and I began thinking about other people who had been asked the same question. The wheels started to turn, and I thought about life.

I thought about the many times I had gone from store to store to find an item on my list. Sometimes, it was an exercise in futility because some things were no longer available anywhere. Can you imagine someone going through life running from place to place and never finding what they are looking for or need? It would be a nightmare to live constantly looking for something out of reach or nonexistent.

Many businesses aim to be a one-stop shopping entity for all the wants and needs to have satisfied returning customers. Out of all the stores and aisles I have walked up and down, I have yet to see an aisle for mending broken hearts, forgiveness, acceptance, love, joy, peace, happiness, or wealth. I realize that some things can only come from the One who created us and knows exactly what we need over what we want, which could lead to injury and significant loss. Philippians 4:19 NLT: *“And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from His glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.”*

Today, I can say, “Yes, I’ve found everything I need to have a relationship with God through Jesus Christ.”

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