

Asking Is Important!

Read, pause, and reflect on these Scriptures (all bolding and underlining is for emphasis):

- John 4:34** Jesus said to them, *“My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work”* (NKJV). Are we, like Jesus, doing the work of the Father?
- Luke 18:1** *“... men always ought to pray and not lose heart...”* (NKJV).
- 1 Peter 4:7** *“Be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer”* (NASB).
- Luke 18:6-8** *“And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him...I tell you that He will avenge them speedily”* (NKJV).
- Mark 16:20** *“And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs”* (NKJV).
- 1 John 5:14-15** Have confidence, *“If we ask anything, according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him”* (NASB).
- James 4:2b** *“...You do not have because you do not ask”* (NASB). So, ask God, with proper motives. Sometimes God will bless you just because you are His child.
- John 15:7** Abide in Him. *“Ask whatever you wish, and it shall be done for you”* (NASB).
- 1 John 3:22** *“whatever we ask we receive from Him...”* (NASB).
- John 14:12-14** *“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **If you ask anything in My name, I will do it”** (NKJV).*
- Matthew 7:7-11** *“Ask, and it will be given to you; **seek**, and you will find; **knock**, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!”* (NKJV).
- John 15:15-17** *“No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that **whatever you ask** the Father in My name He may give you. These things I command you, that you love one another”* (NKJV).
- Mark 11:22-26** **Ask, in faith, believe, say, and receive:** *“So Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Have faith in God. For assuredly, I **say** to you, whoever **says** to this mountain, Be removed and be cast into the sea, and does not doubt in his heart, but **believes** that those things he **says** will be done, he will have whatever he **says**. Therefore I **say** to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them. And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses’”* (NKJV).