

Ask

(αἰτέω = 'ehteho')

To ask, request, petition, demand, beg, call for, crave, desire, require.

Matthew 7:11, “If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask Him!” The Amplified says, **“If you then, evil as you are, know how to give good and advantageous gifts to your children, how much more will your Father Who is in heaven (perfect as He is) give good and advantageous things to those who keep on asking Him!”** Asking is part of the promise! If you don't ask you don't receive!

We must make it a point to “test” God and see how good He really is. James addresses the matter of why we lack and still want: **“Yet you do not have because you do not ask”** (James 4:2). How powerful an indictment is that? God has the ability and desire to do infinitely more than we can “ask or imagine,” but He is prevented from doing so because we simply don't trust Him enough to ask!

In John 16:24 Jesus says, **“Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.”** When it comes to God's blessings, asking and receiving are inseparable! Asking is what makes the connection, and only after the connection has been made is God able to release the abundant blessings He has put aside for us. “How much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask Him!” Have you noticed how children have no fear of asking anything from their parents? They walk straight up look you in the eye, and say, “Can I have?” This is the boldness God expects from us when ever we approach Him.

If we are operating in **faith** it doesn't matter how many times we ask! Let's examine James 4:2 again, **“Yet you do not have because you do not ask.”** A literal translation reads, **“You do not have what you want because you are not asking.”** Notice, it does not say, **“Because you have not asked”** (singular). Rather, **“Because you do not ask; or, “Are not asking.”**

This suggests an ongoing request or petition. Therefore, when we **ask** God for His abundant blessings, let's focus on the fact that He wants to do **so much more** for us, rather than letting our faith be determined by your circumstances. Let's remind ourselves that God is not limited by our circumstances. If we are rich in **faith**, there are no limits to what God can accomplish for us!