

Asking and Receiving

“For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.” ([Matthew 7:8](#))

The tremendous resource of prayer is far too often neglected by far too many Christians. If nothing is standing between us and the Lord to keep us from asking effectively (sin, unbelief, selfish motives, etc.), then God has promised to act when we ask by giving us our request or something better. Note just a few of the many promises to those who ask:

“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God . . . and it shall be given him” ([James 1:5](#)).

“Ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full” ([John 16:24](#)).

“How much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?” ([Luke 11:13](#)).

“And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight” ([1 John 3:22](#)).

“And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him” ([1 John 5:14-15](#)).

“If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it” ([John 14:14](#)).

“If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you” ([John 15:7](#)).

Obviously, there are conditions. These marvelous promises assume that those who ask are abiding in His commandments, truly desiring His will, having His priorities, thinking His thoughts, and are asking in faith and in His name. HMM

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