

ASKING AND EXPECTING THINGS TO HAPPEN

SCRIPTURES

MATTHEW 7:7-8 Amplified

Keep on asking and it will be given you; **keep on seeking** and you will find; **keep on knocking** [reverently] and [the door] will be opened to you. For everyone who keeps on asking receives; and he who keeps on seeking finds; and to him who keeps on knocking, [the door] will be opened.

MATTHEW 7:9-11 Amplified

Or what man is there of you, if his son asks him for a loaf of bread, will hand him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will hand him a serpent? 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!

JOHN 16:23-24 Amplified

And when that time comes, you will ask nothing of Me [you will need to ask Me no questions]. I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, that My Father will grant you **whatever you ask in My Name** [as presenting all that I AM]. **Up to this time you have not asked a [single] thing in My Name** [as presenting all that I AM]; but now **ask and keep on asking and you will receive**, so that your joy (gladness, delight) may be full and complete.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:5-11 Amplified

That is why I thought it necessary to urge these brethren to go to you before I do and make arrangements in advance for this bountiful, promised gift of yours, so that it may be ready, not as an extortion [wrung out of you] but as a generous and willing gift. [Remember] this: **he who sows sparingly and grudgingly will also reap sparingly and grudgingly**, and he who sows generously [that blessings may come to someone] will also reap generously and with blessings. Let each one [give] as he has made up his own mind and purposed in his heart, not reluctantly or sorrowfully or under compulsion, for **God loves** (He takes pleasure in, prizes above other things, and is unwilling to abandon or to do without) **a cheerful** (joyous, "prompt to do it") **giver** [whose heart is in his giving]. And God is able to make all grace (every favor and earthly blessing) come to you in abundance, so that you may always and under all circumstances and whatever the need be self-sufficient [possessing enough to require no aid or support and furnished in abundance for every good work and charitable donation]. As it is written, He [the benevolent person] scatters abroad; He gives to the poor; His deeds of justice and goodness and kindness and benevolence will go on and endure forever! And [God] Who provides seed for the sower and bread for eating will also provide and multiply your [resources for] sowing and increase the fruits of your righteousness [which manifests itself in active goodness, kindness, and charity]. Thus you will be enriched in all things and in every way, so that you can be generous, and [your generosity as it is] administered by us will bring forth thanksgiving to God.

MATTHEW 6:33 Amplified

But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides.

MALACI 3:10 Amplified

Bring all the tithes (the whole tenth of your income) into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and prove Me now by it, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

Psalm 37:4 Amplified

Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He will give you the desires and secret petitions of your heart.

Genesis 8:22 Amplified

While the earth remains, **seedtime** and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

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KJ - King James Version

AS - American Standard

JB - JB Philips

MESS - The Message

WB - Webster's Bible

AP - Amplified Bible

KW - Kenneth Wuest

WEB - World English Bible

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Introduction

I am trusting God that after tonight each of you will understand the principle of giving and receiving from God and other people. Too many people are in want and need because of not doing what the bible asks us to do. Often we believe if it is Gods will for us to live a certain way or lifestyle. If we continue doing the same old thing we did before we will continue getting the same results. We need to radically change our mind-set and start doing what God's word says.

THE LAW OF GIVING - What we receive is directly proportional what and how we give.

Let us **MATTHEW 7:7-8**. In Matthew it says we are to keep on asking, keep on seeking and keep on knocking. Why?

Is it maybe that there is a secret to this! There is and it is ASK, ASK, ASK, ASK, SEEK, SEEK, SEEK and KNOCK, KNOCK, KNOCK. Giving and receiving works like that, keep on asking what and where can I give, keep seeking where you can be a blessing and keep knock on Gods door for the backing then when you ASK, SEEK and KNOCK, God will know who you are? Ha, No, if you are applying the law of Giving you will naturally receive because God Loves a cheerful giver.

I believe the reason why we do not get what God has for us is because we do not keep on ASKING GOD for what we want or because we are not applying the law of giving and receiving. Or a person has asked you and you have not heard them.

Lets have a look at some thing's for which we have had to ASK.

HOW WE ASK

From the moment you were born till today, you have been either directly or indirectly asking for things. What happens when a baby is hungry? It cries. What would happen if the baby was super Spiritual and prayed and asked God, please give me some food today?

He/she would die. Exactly! Not asking for something you really need or the person you are asking is not hearing, could kill you.

So why when we are older are people staving? They either did not ask or the hearer did not listen.

When you got or get married, if you did not ask you wife to marry you I doubt you would be married now.

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Who of us you go to Mc Donald's or any restaurant and when they ask you what you would like,. You say AG! anything. Do you think you will get what you are hoping for? You ASK for what you want, (a Cheese burger and coke) or you will be disappointed because they either cannot help you or you will not get what you expect.

I am talking to everyone here tonight and please do not think I am preaching a type of prosperity message. But there should be no reason why God will not answer our prayers when He invites us to do just that. In PSALM 37:4 - Delight yourself in the LORD and He WILL give you the desires of your heart. In Matthew 6:33 it says SEEK HE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND ALL THE THINGS WILL BE ADDED.

But, God never promised us an easy life filled with riches when we become born again, infact we are told people will dislike us. So never look at SALVATION as an answer to poverty or need. SALVATION is God's plan to save you from HELL.

What I am saying is that we all have a responsibility to ASK God and people when we are in need and to act when someone ASKS us. If you are hungry, speak to someone about it and ask fro food, not money.

We do not realize that because of Jesus Christ's sacrifice on the cross we can boldly enter God's presence and make our requests know to Him.

Let us understand one thing, we are not worthy in any way to obtain salvation and grace through our own effort. All our great ideas, money or great plans do not automatically give us a right standing with God. Some people even believe that they can obtain salvation through works, or money. You never buy or earn salvation in anyway.

We must understand that it is ONLY through Jesus Christ that we can have a right relationship with God. ONLY through accepting the finished work on the cross and believing that He died for your sins can we be save. There is now way we can pay for our sins.

This brings me to an important question, when you got saved what did you do? Yes we ASKED Jesus into our lives / hearts. What happened? Did He come in? Why? The reason is because we asked Him too.

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Let us read JOHN 16:23-24, in verse 23 it says that "...My Father will grant you **whatever you ask in My Name** ..." God will grant you WHAT? Whatever you ask Him in JESUS NAME.

So why do we not get what we ASK? ... **Up to this time you have not asked a [single] thing in My Name** ...", when we ask God for things how do we ask? Do we say OH GOD I NEED THIS, PLEASE PROVIDE IT FOR US. AMEN. That is exactly what this verse is saying. We do not have because we have not ASKED IN JESUS NAME. So what must we do, see verse 24B, "...but now **ask and keep on asking and you will receive...**"

We must ASK God, make our request known before GOD and ask in JESUS Name and not only that WE MUST KEEP ON ASKING GOD.

Now lets take one step back. God has not given us this freedom to ASK so that we can serve our own selfish desires. No, No, and again NO. It is there for us to use as a tool to effectively get what God has planned for us to get. He will give us what we ask for but we may not get what we thing.

WE could pray, OH GOD I trust you that you will give me WHAT EVER I ask in Jesus name. I have even read John 16:23 and 24 and Matthew 7 and it says I can ask whatever I want so now I ask you for a brand new Porsche Carr era. God might answer you request, which really in a mode of transport as providing a second hand car. Did God answer you pray? HE did.

CLOSING

In closing I want to bring this home and apply this lesson to our lives. I did a study on Tithing and asking, in seven different translations of the bible and found an amazing thing. Never once were the tithes ever asked for. Each scripture I read said about the tithe.

- Bring the Tithe in
- Gather the Tithe
- Take the Tithe
- Receive the tithe

Not once did it say ASK for the tithe. Why? You see the tithe of our possessions is a thing between GOD and us, we are accountable to HIM. Tithing is not to make God rich, tithing is a means that God supplies finances for the daily running of a church.

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We MUST tithe if we are to receive Gods blessing in our lives. It is one the COMMANDS with a blessing. God says He will protect our finances when we do it and He even asks us to TEST Him in Tithing.

But if you take the same and apply it to the collecting of finances or support, it is always says ASK.

- In Corinthians, Paul asks the Corinthian church to collect the gift before he gets there.
- In the desert Moses was to ask the Israelites to bring gifts for the building of the tabernacle. And what did the people do they gave generously.

I want to challenge you today, NEVER turn you heart when someone is asking you for something. Rather if you do not have the money sow a seed anyway. If someone asks you for money at the traffic light, do not ignore them. If you have money, give, if you do not tell them that you do not have money or food to give them and give them something else, a smile, show God's love, never be upset or comment on how they do not deserve support.

In closing let us read 2 Corinthians 9:5-11

V7, "...Let each one [give] as he has made up his own mind and purposed in his heart, not reluctantly or sorrowfully or under compulsion, for God loves (He takes pleasure in, prizes above other things, and is unwilling to abandon or to do without) a cheerful (joyous, "prompt to do it") giver [whose heart is in his giving]..."

We need to plan to give. Make sure you have some seed to give at all times. Plan your budget so that you can tithe and give weekly at the offering, because God will only bless you.

If you do not plant seeds you have no crop to reap from, there is no harvest. But if you plant the best seed possible, put fertilizer on the seed, water it daily, you will have a great HARVEST.

God loves people who cheerfully give in every possible way. Giving is not only money, but is also time, skills, money and many other things. Next time you have an opportunity to give, give generously. Giving is not an option it is a very important part of our future.

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SERMON NOTES

Introduction

- TRUSTING GOD FOR PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND THE PRINCIPLE OF ASKING THINGS FROM GOD.
- PEOPLE ARE IN NEED BECAUSE WE ARE NOT DOING WHAT GOD ASKED US
- IF WE KEEP DOING WHAT WE DID BEFORE WE WILL STILL KEEP GETTING THE SAME RESULTS
- RADICAL CHANGE OUR MIND-SET
- **LAW OF GIVING – WHAT WE RECEIVE IS DIRECTLY PROPORTIONAL TO WHAT AND HOW WE GIVE AND RECEIVE**
- **LAW OF ASKING – WE CAN ASK ANYTHING FROM GOD BUT HE IS UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO GIVE IT TO US NOW.**
- **LAW OF SOWING AND REAPING – YOU REAP IN DIRECT PROPORTION TO YOUR SOWING.**

BOTH GIVING AND RECEIVING ARE ACTION BASED, YOU MUST TAKE THE GIFT.

GIVING IS THE RESULT OF MEETING A KNOWN NEED, RECEIVING IS THE RESULT OF SOME FORM OF ASKING.

- READ MATTHEW 7:7-8
- 1. THERE IS A SECRET TO GETTING WHAT WE ASK FOR
 - KEEP ON KNOCKING, SEEKING AND ASKING
- 2. GIVING AND RECEIVING WORKS BY
 - ASKING WHAT AND WHERE CAN I GIVE, KEEP SEEKING WHERE YOU CAN BE A BLESSING AND KEEP KNOCK ON GODS DOOR FOR THE BACKING YOU NEED.
 - WHEN YOU ASK, SEEK AND KNOCK, GOD WILL KNOW WHO YOU ARE?
 - IF YOU ARE APPLYING THE LAW OF GIVING YOU WILL NATURALLY RECEIVE BECAUSE GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER.

I BELIEVE THE REASON WHY WE DO NOT GET WHAT GOD HAS FOR US IS BECAUSE WE DO NOT KEEP ON ASKING GOD FOR WHAT WE WANT OR BECAUSE WE ARE NOT APPLYING THE LAW OF GIVING AND RECEIVING.

IN ORDER TO **RECEIVE** YOU MUST **GIVE**. IT IS A UNIVERSAL LAW OF SOWING AND REAPING

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- **GENESIS 8:22** WHILE THE EARTH REMAINS, **SEEDTIME** AND HARVEST, COLD AND HEAT, SUMMER AND WINTER, AND DAY AND NIGHT SHALL NOT CEASE.
- **GALATIANS 6:7-10** BE NOT DECEIVED; GOD IS NOT MOCKED: FOR WHATSOEVER A MAN SOWETH, THAT SHALL HE ALSO REAP. FOR HE THAT SOWETH TO HIS FLESH SHALL OF THE FLESH REAP CORRUPTION; BUT HE THAT SOWETH TO THE SPIRIT SHALL OF THE SPIRIT REAP LIFE EVERLASTING. AND LET US NOT BE WEARY IN WELL DOING: FOR IN DUE SEASON WE SHALL REAP, IF WE FAINT NOT. AS WE HAVE THEREFORE OPPORTUNITY, LET US DO GOOD UNTO ALL [MEN], ESPECIALLY UNTO THEM WHO ARE OF THE HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH.

LET'S HAVE A LOOK AT SOME THINGS FOR WHICH WE HAVE HAD TO ASK.

1. BABY/AUHLT
 2. MARRIAGE / GOING OUT WITH SOMEONE
 3. ENTERTAINMENT
 - EATING OUT - MCDONALDS
 - EATING OUT RESTURANT
 4. BUY SOMETHING
 - A CAR
 - A HOUSE
- NOT ASKING FOR SOMETHING YOU REALLY NEED OR THE PERSON YOU ARE ASKING IS NOT HEARING, COULD KILL YOU.
 - SO WHY WHEN WE ARE OLDER ARE PEOPLE STAVING? THEY EITHER DID NOT ASK OR THE HEARER DID NOT LISTEN.

THIS IS NOT A TYPE OF PROSPERITY MESSAGE.

- THERE SHOULD BE NO REASON WHY GOD WILL NOT ANSWER OUR PRAYERS WHEN HE INVITES US TO DO JUST THAT.

IN **PSALM 37:4** - DELIGHT YOURSELF IN THE LORD AND HE WILL GIVE YOU THE DESIRES OF YOUR HEART.

IN **MATTHEW 6:33** IT SAYS SEEK HE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND ALL THE THINGS WILL BE ADDED.

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WHAT I AM SAYING

- WE ALL HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO ASK GOD AND PEOPLE
WHEN WE ARE IN NEED AND TO ACT WHEN SOMEONE ASKS US.
IF YOU ARE HUNGRY, SPEAK TO SOMEONE ABOUT IT AND ASK
FRO FOOD, NOT MONEY
- WE DO NOT REALIZE THAT BECAUSE OF JESUS CHRIST'S
SACRIFICE ON THE CROSS, WE CAN BOLDLY ENTER GOD'S
PRESENCE AND MAKE OUR REQUESTS KNOW TO HIM.

WE ARE NOT WORTH BY JESUS IS

- **WE CAN NOT OBTAIN MERCY AND GRACE BY OUR ACTIONS**
 - NONE OF EFFORT AND BRING SALVATION
 - NO MONEY AND STATURE
 - NO SIDE DOOR
 - YOU AND I CAN NEVER EARN SALVATION IN ANY WAY BY
JESUS
- **ENTER BY JESUS**
 - HE MAKES US WORTHY
 - THROUGH HIM WE HAVE RIGHTSTANDING
 - WE CAN BOLDLY ENTER

THIS BRINGS ME TO AN IMPORTANT QUESTION, WHEN YOU GOT SAVED
WHAT DID YOU DO? YES WE ASKED JESUS INTO OUR LIVES / HEARTS.

WHAT HAPPENED? DID HE COME IN? WHY? THE REASON IS BECAUSE
WE ASKED HIM TOO.

**IAM TRYING TO SHOW YOU THAT EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY
YOU ASK FOR THINGS ALL THE TIME**

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WE MUST:

- ASK GOD, MAKE OUR REQUEST KNOWN BEFORE GOD
- ASK IN JESUS NAME AND NOT ONLY THAT WE MUST KEEP ON ASKING GOD.

NOW LETS TAKE ONE STEP BACK.

- GOD HAS NOT GIVEN US THIS FREEDOM TO ASK SO THAT WE CAN SERVE OUR OWN SELFISH DESIRES.
- IT IS THERE FOR US TO USE AS A TOOL TO EFFECTIVELY GET WHAT GOD HAS PLANNED FOR US TO GET.
- HE WILL GIVE US WHAT WE ASK FOR BUT WE MAY NOT GET WHAT WE THING.

WE COULD PRAY, OH GOD I TRUST YOU THAT YOU WILL GIVE ME WHAT EVER I ASK IN JESUS NAME. I HAVE EVEN READ JOHN 16:23 AND 24 AND MATTHEW 7 AND IT SAYS I CAN ASK WHATEVER I WANT SO NOW I ASK YOU FOR A BRAND NEW PORSCHE CARR ERA.

GOD MIGHT ANSWER YOUR REQUEST

- WHICH REALLY IN A MODE OF TRANSPORT .
- CAN YOU REALLY AFFORD TO PAY FOR THE CAR/INSURANCE/PETROL/SERVICE?

CLOSING

IN CLOSING I WANT TO BRING THIS HOME AND APPLY THIS LESSON TO OUR LIVES.

TITHING AND ASKING STUDY

- SEVEN DIFFERENT TRANSLATIONS OF THE BIBLE AND FOUND AN AMAZING THING. NEVER ONCE WERE THE TITHES EVER ASKED FOR.
- EACH SCRIPTURE I READ SAID ABOUT THE TITHE.
 - BRING THE TITHE IN
 - GATHER THE TITHE
 - TAKE THE TITHE

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- **RECEIVE THE TITHE**

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- YOU SEE THE TITHE OF OUR POSSESSIONS IS A THING BETWEEN GOD AND US, WE ARE ACCOUNTABLE TO HIM.
- TITHING IS NOT TO MAKE GOD RICH
- TITHING IS A MEANS THAT GOD SUPPLIES FINANCES FOR THE DAILY RUNNING OF A CHURCH.
- WE MUST TITHE IF WE ARE TO RECEIVE GODS BLESSING IN OUR LIVES.
- IT IS ONE THE COMMANDS WITH A BLESSING. GOD SAYS HE WILL PROTECT OUR FINANCES WHEN WE DO IT AND HE EVEN ASKS US TO TEST HIM IN TITHING.

BUT IF YOU TAKE THE SAME AND APPLY IT TO THE COLLECTING OF FINANCES OR SUPPORT, IT IS ALWAYS SAYS ASK.

- IN CORINTHIANS, PAUL ASKS THE CORINTHIAN CHURCH TO COLLECT THE GIFT BEFORE HE GETS THERE.
- IN THE DESERT MOSES WAS TO ASK THE ISRAELITES TO BRING GIFTS FOR THE BUILDING OF THE TABERNACLE. AND WHAT DID THE PEOPLE DO THEY GAVE GENEROUSLY.

I WANT TO CHALLENGE YOU TODAY

- NEVER TURN YOU HEART WHEN SOMEONE IS ASKING YOU FOR SOMETHING.
- RATHER IF YOU DO NOT HAVE THE MONEY SOW A SEED ANYWAY. IF SOMEONE ASKS YOU FOR MONEY AT THE TRAFFIC LIGHT, DO NOT IGNORE THEM.
- IF YOU HAVE MONEY, GIVE, IF YOU DO NOT TELL THEM THAT YOU DO NOT HAVE MONEY OR FOOD TO GIVE THEM AND GIVE THEM SOMETHING ELSE.
- WE ARE GODS LIGHT HERE IN EARTH - A SMILE, SHOW GOD'S LOVE, NEVER BE UPSET OR COMMENT ON HOW THEY DO NOT DESERVE SUPPORT.

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WE NEED TO PLAN TO GIVE. MAKE SURE YOU HAVE SOME SEED TO GIVE AT ALL TIMES. PLAN YOUR BUDGET SO THAT YOU CAN TITHE AND GIVE WEEKLY AT THE OFFERING, BECAUSE GOD WILL ONLY BLESS YOU.

IF YOU DO NOT PLANT SEEDS YOU HAVE NO CROP TO REAP FROM, THERE IS NO HARVEST. BUT IF YOU PLANT THE BEST SEED POSSIBLE, PUT FERTILIZER ON THE SEED, WATER IT DAILY, YOU WILL HAVE A GREAT HARVEST.

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