

“WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO FOR YOU?” JESUS ASKED.

~Mark 10:51

“You can **ask** for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father.” John 14:13

“Yes, **ask** me for anything in my name, and I will do it!” John 14:14

“But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may **ask** for anything you want, and it will be granted!”
John 15:7

“**Ask**, using my name, and you will receive, and you will have abundant joy.”
John 16:24

And we will receive from him whatever we **ask** because we obey him and do the things that please him. 1 John 3:22

And since we know he hears us when we make our requests, we also know that he will give us what we **ask** for. 1 John 5:15

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Several times in the Gospels we read that Jesus responded to people by saying, “What is it you want from Me?” At first glance we might wonder why Jesus would do this. He is, after all, God—who knows everything. When a blind man is standing before Him, isn’t it obvious that he wants to see? So why then does Jesus ask, “What do you want?”

It’s not so different in our own lives, is it? We take for granted that God knows all our needs even better than we do ourselves—so why then does He want us to pray and ask Him for what we want?

Perhaps the answer is that God wants us to know Him more personally. God wants us to realize that our faith and prayer can move His hand. Each time we ask for something specifically and He answers us, our faith grows and our relationship with our Lord is strengthened. We rejoice with thanksgiving in realizing that God cares about us as His precious child. God loves to give to His children, and He loves to have His children ask—so that both He and we can rejoice together.

Asking also declares our dependence on God. In asking we are humbling ourselves and acknowledging that a situation is beyond our control. We are declaring our need for God’s intervention in our circumstance. The outcome of humility is blessing and honour. That is the economy of God.

Read these verses, pray them aloud, and let your heart cry out to God asking Him for what you need. This is your privileged position in His kingdom. He waits to hear your heart so that He can answer you and your joy can be full.

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O Lord, you are so good, so ready to forgive, so full of unfailing love for all who **ask** for your help. Psalm 86:5

The LORD says, “I was ready to respond, but no one **asked** for help. I was ready to be found, but no one was looking for me. I said, ‘Here I am, here I am!’ to a nation that did not call on my name.” Isaiah 65:1

“Keep on **asking**, and you will receive what you **ask** for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you.” Matthew 7:7

“So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who **ask** him.” Matthew 7:11

“I also tell you this: If two of you agree here on earth concerning anything you **ask**, my Father in heaven will do it for you.” Matthew 18:19

Jesus replied, “If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would **ask** me, and I would give you living water.” John 4:10

“But even now I know that God will give you whatever you **ask**.” John 11:22