

WORD

⁷"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. ⁹"Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? ¹¹If 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!" MATTHEW 7:7-11

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Jesus gave the disciples authority to drive out evil spirits and heal diseases all for free! And so, freely they received, freely they gave (Matthew 10:8). We understand the importance of giving and so we live it out by grace but sometimes, we are poor in receiving. God's heart is to bless His children but some things hinder us from enjoying this like a wrong mindset. The following truths can help us position ourselves to receive.

1 God is a Father so we should ask Him.

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One major problem that hinders most people from boldly asking God of their needs is their poor view of God as a Father. It could be because of their experience with their earthly fathers, but we need to understand that God is different. He is a good Father who gives good gifts to His children and who does not withhold any good thing from those who walk uprightly (Psalm 84:11). In your own words, how does a wrong view of God affect your confidence in asking Him?

2 Seek God faithfully.

... pray continually ... 1 THESSALONIANS 5:17

Prayer is a God-given avenue by which we seek His will and purposes for our lives. God recognizes the challenges in our waiting and receiving for His answer in advance. And praying continually puts us in a position of finding clarity and wisdom from God as we wait and gives us the grace to receive His response to our prayers with gratitude and trust. Why is it important that we should seek God faithfully? Why do you think we should pray continually?

3 Keep on knocking.

⁵Then he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and he goes to him at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread . . . ⁸I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will get up and give him as much as he needs. LUKE 11:5,8

Our persistent prayers do not bother God. He is not even threatened nor intimidated by our problems. Instead, God is pleased when He sees His children come to Him with boldness and persistence. Why do you think we should keep on knocking in prayer? How does this truth help you?
