

# Asking and Seeking



## A.S.K.ing in Matthew 7:7

**“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.”,**

**Ask:** to beg, call for, crave, desire, require and it will be given --of one's own accord, to give one something, to his advantage; to bestow, give as a gift

**Seek:** to seek in order to find; and you will find: to come upon, hit upon, to meet with; after searching, to find a thing sought

**Knock:** to knock with a heavy blow; and it will be opened: to grant something asked for

**What should we be A.S.K.ing (Ask, Seek, Knock) for?**

**Verse 11 tells us our heavenly Father will give us what He defines as “good” or useful. "...how much more will your Father who is in heaven**

**give what is good to those who ask Him!”**

**When we approach this question biblically, we quickly identify that it is not simply about asking God for whatever we want. We should consider asking for (requesting/begging), seeking (in order to find), and knocking for (indicates aggressions) something(s) more “good” than just anything we want.**

**Later on in Matthew 7, v. 21 He says, “He who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter.”**

**Consider if this is more about aligning our will (what we want) with what He wants (what is good), and then being intentful about asking and pursuing His desire for us:**

**? Am I working His will to include what I want, or I am I imposing His will on my life?**

**? Is what I am asking for focused on temporal implications or eternal implications?**

**? What would I be asking for that I would also be seeking and knocking for?**

**Consider that desiring the will of God in our lives---characteristics such as: love, humility, discernment, wisdom, holiness and aligning our will with His should be of priority in our A.S.K.**

**So is this what am I A.S.K.ing for? These are characteristics I can only get from Him through grace, so I must come to Him and A.S.K. continuously in dependence. These are characteristics He wants me to have, but I must want them for myself. I need to not only ask, but seek earnestly, and go after it.**

**Nothing is more useful than His grace and the subsequent Godly characteristics available to us if we desire and A.S.K. for them.**

**“Make me know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day.” --Psalm 25:4-5**

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