

## GRACE AND FAITH

### Principles Of Receiving: Don't Ask Amis

**FOUNDATION STATEMENT:** Asking incorrectly will keep you from receiving

#### I. Don't ask a miss-James 4:1

- A. 1-4-This is talking about people who aren't receiving and aren't obtaining
  - 1. A lot of times strife starts b/c somebody doesn't have what somebody else has got
  - 2. Lust, murder, fighting, and warring are not ways to get what you desire
- B. Many people don't have what they desire because they don't go ask God for it
  - 1. Isaiah 30:2-They didn't get it from God b/c they didn't ask him or seek Him about it
- C. Many people don't have what they desire b/c when they did ask, they asked amiss
  - 1. It's possible to ask amiss, wrongly, improperly
  - 2. You need to know how to ask properly

#### II. Asking fundamentals

- A. What does ASK (Aiteo) mean?
  - 1. Definition of ask
    - a. Call for, crave, desire, require
    - b. RR-To be adamant in requesting and demanding assistance to meet tangible needs, such as food shelter, money and so forth
    - c. RR-To demand or to insist (to place a demand on)
    - d. RR-Full expectation to receive what was firmly requested
    - e. RR-Portrays a person who insists or demands that a specific need be met after approaching and speaking to is superior with respect and honor
  - 2. Whatever you're asking of God what is the position of that thing today? (i.e. your healing, strength, provision where are they?)
    - a. Anything you received by way of the cross was part of your inheritance (Ephesians 1:18, Romans 8:17)
      - 1) You are a joint-heir with Jesus; whatever he got you got-1 John 4:17
      - 2) You don't ask for your inheritance b/c it's yours!!! You receive it
    - b. All things that pertain to life the way God has it and prosperity are being offered to you-2 Peter 1:4
      - 1) Life-Absolute fullness of life, blessed life, life the way God has it
      - 2) Godliness-That which pleases God-Psalm 35:27
- a) When God sees himself duplicated in people it pleases him; character&prosperity

- 3) Why would you ask for things that he's already offering to you? You wouldn't
- c. When "ask" for something we are placing a demand on what's already being offered
  - 1) EX: When you go to the bank you don't ask for your money you place a demand on it
  - 2) When we ask we are simply requiring and calling for what's already ours and what's already being offered
- B. Matthew 6:8-God didn't find out you needed it when you asked
  - 1. He knew what you would need before the foundation of the world
  - 2. Revelation 13:8-The lamb was slain before the foundation of the world
  - 3. Hebrews 9:26-Jesus suffered since the foundation of the world
  - 4. Hebrews 4:3-The work was finished before the foundation of the world
  - 5. Ephesians 1:3-You were blessed before the foundation of the world
- C. John 15:16-He ordained this "ask and you shall receive"
  - 1. Ordain-To appoint, to institute, to decree, to establish, to constitute
- D. Matthew 7:7,11-Ask and it shall be given to you
  - 1. The picture we have is "Father I ask you to give me \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus name amen?"
  - 2. God knows how to cause good things to come forth to those who ask Him

### III. Seven principles of asking

- A. John 16:23-Whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give it to you
  - 1. Verily, Verily-This is big
    - a. Whatever-That means anything
  - 2. **(1) You ask the Father-John 16:26 (AMP)**
    - a. Jesus said ask him nothing (Jesus please... --- Don't do that)
    - b. John 14:13-14-He didn't say ask me, he said what you ask
  - 3. **(2) Ask in Jesus name (AMP-Presenting all that I am)**
    - a. You have to have the character of Jesus
  - 4. **Give**-Cause to come forth
    - a. Give makes it seem like he doesn't extend his hand until you ask
    - b. The reality his hand was extended before you asked
- B. John 15:7-Ask what you will and it will be done unto you
  - 1. **(3) You must abide in him**
    - a. 1 John 4:15-You have to be born again
    - b. 1 John 4:16-You have to walk in love
    - c. 1 John 2:5-You have to keep His word
  - 2. **(4) His words must abide in you-Proverbs 4:20**
    - a. Your mind is the gateway to your spirit

- b. Your eyes, ears, and mouth are the pathways to the mind
  - c. You have to send the word down the pathways of your eyes, ears, mouth, so that they can travel through the gateway of your mind and enter your spirit
- C. 1 John 5:14-15-Whatever we ask we know that we have the petitions desired of him
- 1. **(5) You have to ask according to his will**
    - a. Must people ask, being ignorant of his will & they don't receive---If it be thy will
  - 2. If you don't know his will you can't ask according to it-Eph 5:17, Col 1:9
    - a. You're going to have to take the time to open this Book
    - b. God's interested in you knowing his will so that you can ask in line with it and have it in your life
- D. James 1:5-6-If you lack wisdom ask of God who gives to all men liberally
- 1. **(6) You have to ask in faith, nothing wavering**
  - 2. If you waver you will not receive; if you doubt, change, or give in you won't receive
- E. Mark 11:24-Whatever you desire (aiteo, ask) when you pray believe that you receive them and you will have them
- 1. **(7) When you ask you have to believe that you take and have what you desire**
    - a. You have to believe that you take them and have them when you pray and you will have them
    - b. If you don't believe you take them and have them, then you won't have them
  - 2. Mk 11:24AMP-Believe, Trust & be confident that IT IS GRANTED to you & you will get it
  - 3. 1 Jn 5:15-We know that we have as our present possessions what we asked of him
  - 4. People have been "asking" but not believing that they have received when they pray and that's why they do not have what they desire
  - 5. Don't "ask" for what's being offered, take it!