



### INTRODUCTION:

This Tract has been written to encourage and to teach people **how** to **ASK God** for help in times of need. As Christians, sometimes **we do not** bother to **ASK God** for help because we know that **He** already knows our needs before we **ASK**. Other times we do **not ASK God** for help because we are too lazy, too shy or too ignorant of **God's Will** to **ASK!** The Bible teaches that **it is God's Will** for **us** to **ASK Him** for help in our daily lives, for guidance, and in various times of need. (Matthew 6:9-13)

**ASKING God** mistakenly for things can fall into the category of two **extremes**:

1. The first **extreme** is when we do **not ASK God** for help at all. The result will be that we most likely will **not** receive an answer. (James 4:2)
2. The second **extreme** is when we **demand** that **God** does what **we ASK of Him**. The result of **demanding** a thing from **God** is that we will **not** receive an answer at all because **God is God!** (Romans 9:20-21 Isaiah 64:6-9)

**Remember**, even when **God hears** us, **He** will not **always** answer us according to **our** thoughts and prayers. (Isaiah 55:8-9)

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## **HOW TO ASK:**

### **ASK IN PRAYER:**

Although prayer encompasses many things, **ASKING** is a type of prayer. To **ASK** means to request or to petition through prayer. (1 Samuel 1:20, 27)

The following is an example of **How to ASK in Prayer**:

#### **Ps 20:1-9**

- 1 **The LORD hear thee in the day of trouble**; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee;
- 2 **Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee** out of Zion;
- 3 **Remember all thy offerings**, and accept thy burnt sacrifice; Selah.
- 4 **Grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfil all thy counsel.**
- 5 **We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God** we will set up our banners: **the LORD fulfil all thy petitions.**
- 6 **Now know I that the LORD saveth his anointed; he will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand** (Jesus).

### **ASK IN PRAYER BELIEVING:**

When we **ASK**, we must **ASK** in prayer **believing** (trusting) that **God will** give it to us. (John 11:21-22)

#### **Matt 21:22 Mark 11:24**

- 22 **And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing** (trusting), **ye shall receive.**

### **ASK IN THE NAME OF JESUS:**

When we **ASK**, we do so by praying to **God the Father in the Name of His Son Jesus**.

#### **John 14:13-14**

- 13 **And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.**
- 14 **If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.**

#### **John 15:16**

- 16 **Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.**

#### **John 16:23-24**

- 23 **And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.**
- 24 **Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.**

### **ASK ACCORDING TO GOD'S WILL:**

When we **ASK**, we should **always ASK** according to (after the manner of) **God's WILL!** If we **ASK** according to (after the manner of) **God's Will**, we **know** that **God** hears us, and if we **know** that **God** hears us, we **know** that we will **have** the petitions that we desire of **Him**.

#### **I Jn 5:14-15**

14 **And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to** (after the manner of) **his will, he heareth us:**

15 **And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.**

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### **HOW NOT TO ASK:**

#### **DO NOT ASK WITH VAIN REPETITIONS:**

Since we know that **God** already knows what we need before we **ASK**, we should **not** use vain repetitions (tedious prating) when we **ASK**.

#### **Matt 6:7-8**

7 **But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions** (tedious prating), **as the heathen do:** for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

8 **Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.**

#### **DO NOT ASK WITH THE WRONG MOTIVES:**

When we **ASK**, we should **not ASK** to consume what we want upon our own lusts!

#### **James 4:3**

3 **Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume** (waste) **it upon your lusts** (desires).

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### **THE RESULTS OF ASKING CORRECTLY:**

When we **ASK God** correctly, we know that we will receive an answer, and what we receive will be the best (most beneficial things) that **God** has for us at that time.

#### **Matt 7:7-11 Luke 11:9-13**

7 **Ask, and it shall be given you;** seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

8 **For every one that asketh receiveth;** and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

9 **Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?**

10 **Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?**

11 **If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good** (beneficial) **things to them that ask him?**

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### **ASK FOR WISDOM (KNOWLEDGE & UNDERSTANDING):**

When we lack Wisdom (Knowledge & Understanding), we need to **ASK God** for it **in Faith** and **without wavering**. (2 Chronicles 1:7, 10-12 1 Kings 3:5, 9-13)

#### **James 1:5-7**

5 **If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.**

6 **But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering.** For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

7 **For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.**

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**ASK TOGETHER (CORPORATELY):**

If we join together with others (corporately) and **ASK God** in agreement, and in the **Name of Jesus**, it will be done because **Jesus** will be there with us.

**Matt 18:19-20**

19 Again I say unto you, That **if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.**

20 **For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.**

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**ASK FOR OTHERS (IN INTERCESSION):**

We need to **ASK God** for others (in intercession), particularly for the pardon of their Sins. This includes **all** unbelievers that are in need of Salvation (including family members), and **any** Christians that are living in Sin and are backslidden. (James 5:20)

**I Jn 5:16-17**

16 **If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death.** There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it. (Matthew 12:31-32 Jeremiah 7:16)

17 **All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.**

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**PRE-CONCLUSION:**

We know that we **will** receive whatsoever we **ASK IF** we **keep God's Commandments** and do those things that are **pleasing to Him.**

**I Jn 3:22-23**

22 **And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.**

23 **And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.**

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We also know that **IF** we **abide** (remain) in **Jesus**, and **His** words **abide** (remain) in us, then whatsoever we **ASK will** be given unto us.

**John 15:7**

7 **If ye abide (remain) in me, and my words abide (remain) in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.**

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**CONCLUSION:**

**Now we know that God** is able and willing to do **above all** that we **ASK of Him** through **His Mighty Power** that works **in us.** Unto **Him** be **ALL the Glory!**

**Eph 3:20-21**

20 **Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,**

21 **Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.**

**AMEN!**

**TIMOTHY II**

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