

We Have Not Because We Ask Not (part 1)

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Many verses in the Bible clearly tell us all we have to do is ask for something, and it will be given to us. So, this is an extremely sound doctrine. However, many people ask God repeatedly for things, and it never comes to pass. The reason is extremely simple and will be revealed in this teaching.

Key points:

- God is a good God, always.
- God loves us and is looking for opportunities to embrace us with His loving kindness. He is unconditional love.
- The Greek word *aiteo* is used 68 times in the New Testament, and the fuller meaning is **to ask, desire, crave, require; to strictly demand of something due.**
- God has already given us all things. We need to believe that we receive what we're praying for and demand the devil turn loose of it.
- The word believe means to imagine, so we need to imagine or visualize ourselves having what we ask for.

Scriptures:

- Matthew 7:7-8 — Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.
- Matthew 7:11 — 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 things to them that ask him?
- Matthew 21:22 — And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.
- Romans 10:9 — That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.
- 2 Peter 1:3 — According as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue.
- Romans 8:32 — He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?
- John 10:10 — The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.
- Proverbs 18:21 — Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.
- Proverbs 23:7 — For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.
- 1 Timothy 5:12 — Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.
- Psalm 118:17 — I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.
- Ephesians 3:20 — 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.