

We Have Not Because We Ask Not (part 2)

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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:

- 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.**
- We are not demanding of God. He's already given us all things that pertain to life and godliness. He has given us authority over the devil, and we need to learn to use it.
- The Greek word for *believe* in Mark 9:23 is more accurately rendered as *imagine*.
- There is a supernatural confidence when you know God's word, and when you require it in your life.
- Asking in agreement with God's Word is equivalent to having what we have ask for.
- Dr. P. C. Nelson, a leading authority on Greek and Hebrew in his day, said a fuller, more accurate meaning of John 14:12-14 would be: **If you ask anything in my name; if it does not exist I will make it for you.**

Scriptures:

- James 4:2 – you have not because you ask not
- 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.
- Mark 9:23 – Jesus said unto him, if thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.
- John 15:7 – If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.
- John 15:16 – 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 16:24 – Hitherto have ye asked nothing in My name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.
- Acts 3:2 – And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple.
- 1 John 5:14-15 – And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask any thing according to His will, He heareth us: and if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him.
- 1 John 4:4 – Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world.
- Hebrews 8:6 – we have a better covenant established upon better promises
- John 14: 12-14 – Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in My name, I will do it.
- Jeremiah 1:12 – God hastens His word to perform it.