

THE IMPORTANCE OF ASKING GOD - GOD IS THE SOURCE OF OUR SUPPLY

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1. God is **the Creator**, *Jn 1:3, Is 40:28, Mal 2:10*.
2. God is **the Sustainer**, He keeps everything going, *Heb 1:3, Col 1:17*.
3. God is **our Provider**, *Gen 22:14, Phil 4:19*.
4. **Asking** shows that we depend on God our Father, and look to Him. The Lord's Prayer has **seven requests of God**, *Lk 11:2-4*.
 - a. May Your Name **be hallowed**, feared, honoured, respected.
 - b. May Your **Kingdom come**, Your rule, Your authority in our hearts, bringing righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
 - c. May **Your Will be done**, in our lives, family, church, district, government, world, as it is in heaven.
 - d. Give us our **daily bread**, supply our needs, materially, physically, mentally, spiritually, and every way.
 - e. **Forgive us our sins, as we forgive others** who sin against us, *Mk 11:25,26*.
 - f. Lead us **not into temptation** - do not give us the wrong desires we may seek.
 - g. **Deliver us from satan**. Keep us from the devil's works.
5. **Ask in God's Will**, *1Jn5:14*. Ask God to do what He **has promised** to do. There are about **3000 promises in God's Word**. This is His Will for us. *Num 23:19, Heb 10:23, 2Cor 1:20, 2Pet 1:4*, (ask for a list of promises No27).
6. **Ask in faith. Believe** that what God has promised, He has provided for you through Jesus Christ, by His Word. *Mat 21:22, Jam 1:6, Mk 11:24, Mat 7:7, Lk 11:9-13, Jam 5:15*.
7. **Ask with persistence**, *Lk 11:5-8, Lk 18:1-8, Mat 15:21-28*.
8. **Ask specifically**, *Lk 18:41, Mk 10:51*.
9. **Ask believing you will receive**, *Jn 16:23,24, Mat 21:22, Mk 11:24*. Three things go together: **ASKING - BELIEVING - RECEIVING**. When you ask, believe you receive. Read *Mk 11:24* again.
10. Further examples of asking in faith and receiving: *1Chr 4:10, Heb 5:7, 1Sam 1:10-15, Ps 34:17, Mat 8:8, Mat 9:27-29, Mat 15:21-28*.
11. **Refuse** fear, doubt, human reasoning, double-mindedness, and pride, *Jam 1:5-8*.
12. **Ask God each day** to speak to you from His Word as you read it, *Ps 119:18*. Do not be in a hurry. Read a few verses through several times. Listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying to you.
13. Look at the requests of Paul in *Eph 1:17-20, Col 1:9-11*.
14. *Jam 4:2* says, you have not because you ask not! Let us ask God to meet our needs each

day and **live in the abundance of His grace**, *Jn 10:10*.

15. He is willing to give more than we desire or deserve. He is our **Provider**, *Jer 2:10*.
16. **Do you know God?** or do you know about Him? The basis of prayer is a personal relationship with God. To know God is to have eternal life, *Jn 17:3*. **Accept Jesus Christ as your Lord, God and Saviour**, and receive Him into your life today, *Rom 10:9,10,13*, *Rev 3:20*.