

THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

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I. Matt 7:7-11 & Luke 11:9-13

A. 3 Forms of receiving the things which we need from God

1. Ask, Seek, Knock

a) Greek imperative verbs in the present tense suggesting continued "action."

II. ASK - Is it okay to ask?

A. Biblical Support

1. **Ps 2:8** 8 Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance,

2. **Matt 18:19** 19...if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.

3. **Matt 21:22** 22 And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.

4. **Mark 11:24** 24..whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

5. **John 14:13-14** - If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.

6. **John 15:7** - My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

7. **John 15:16** - Whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

8. **John 16:23-24** - Whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.

9. **1 John 3:22** 22 And whatever we ask we receive from Him,

B. Ask - *aiteo* - To ask for with urgency, crave, desire, require

1. **Require** - To claim or ask for by right and authority; to demand as necessary or essential

2. **Matt 7:7 AMP** "Keep on asking" - Imperative form suggests continual action.

3. **Will be given** - *didomi* - To give, to make or cause to happen

C. Everyone who asks receives

1. **Receives** - *lambano* - To take, to get hold of something, grab, seize or possess.

2. **I can either defend my way of asking or I can adjust my way of asking.**

D. Asking guidelines according to Scripture:

1. **1 John 5:14-15** 14 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

2. **James 1:5-8** - Ask in faith with no doubting

3. **James 4:2-3** - You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss

a) **Amiss** - *kakos* - Incorrect, inaccurate, harmful or damaging

III. SEEK - Do we have to seek?

