

# ASKING – SEEKING – KNOCKING

## Introduction

- 1) Jesus taught that His disciples should “ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you” (Lk. 11:5-13)
- 2) This *asking*, *seeking*, and *knocking* is how we find spiritual fulfillment in God’s kingdom
- 3) These admonitions contain some basic lessons we need to learn and remember

## I) **Spiritual Fulfillment Requires...**

### A) *Desire*

- 1) Sitting and waiting will achieve nothing – the status quo will never change
- 2) One must exhibit spiritual desire to achieve spiritual growth (Matt. 7:6-7; Jer. 29:13)

### B) *Humility*

- 1) Many resist asking or looking for help; “asking is the rule of the kingdom” (Spurgeon)
- 2) Need to become “as little children” desiring help and knowledge (Matt. 18:3-4)

### C) *Persistence*

- 1) Must continually be asking, seeking, and knocking (present imperative; Lk. 11:5-8; 18:1)
- 2) Cannot expect to receive God’s spiritual blessings if we quit asking, seeking, or knocking

### D) *Expectation*

- 1) Why ask, seek, or knock if not expect any result? We should have expectation (Lk. 11:10)
- 2) If we do not expect an answer, we will likely miss one when it comes!

### E) *Application*

- 1) What shall we do with what is given, found, and opened unto us (Col. 4:3)?
- 2) Spiritual fulfillment will not be achieved until we make use of what God provides

## II) **ASKING**

### A) The apostles were taught about the need to “ask”

- 1) John 14:13-14; 15:7, 16; 16:23-24)

### B) We are to ask for wisdom and ask “in faith” [not doubting] (Jas. 1:5-8)

- 1) Wisdom is abundantly available – God’s word (1 Cor. 2:7, 13)
- 2) Must *fully* believe that it is available, and that we can understand it

### C) If not ask, will not receive; and if ask “amiss” (with evil intent), will not receive (Jas. 4:2-3)

### D) We ask and receive if we are pleasing to God (1 Jn. 3:22)

### E) If we ask according to His will, He hears us and will receive (1 Jn. 5:14-15)

### F) God wants to give – do we ask...according to His will...in faith? (Phil. 4:6)

## III) **SEEKING**

### A) Jesus said “seek first” the kingdom of God and His righteousness (Matt. 6:33; Rom. 14:17)

### B) We are to seek those things “which are above” [heavenly things] (Col. 3:1-2)

- 1) *Too* many are *too* busy seeking *too* many earthly things!

### C) Seek peace and pursue it (1 Pet. 3:11)

### D) Seek a permanent home in heaven (Rom. 2:7; Heb. 11:13-14; 13:14)

## IV) **KNOCKING**

### A) Knocking shows a desire to gain access

- 1) Jesus desires to gain access to our heart (Rev. 3:20)

### B) We should desire access to God and His gracious blessings (Eph. 2:18; Rom. 5:2)

- 1) Our access is gained through Christ (Eph. 3:12; Jn. 10:7, 9)

## Conclusion

Our lives should be a constant exercise in asking, seeking, and knocking. The greatest blessing to seek is a home with God in eternity. Will you be there? Seek Him today (Isa. 55:6)!