

ASK, SEEK, AND KNOCK

Ask continually, Seek relentlessly, Knock with all your might

Do not let Him escape from you!

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you" (Matthew 7:7).



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Ask

- With humility
- According to His will, not amiss
- In faith, so that will God hear
- With confidence, so that God will do.

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

"From where do wars and fightings among you come? Is it not from this, from your lusts which war in your members? You desire, and do not have. You murder, and are jealous, and cannot obtain. You fight and war, yet you have not because you ask not. **You ask and receive not, because you ask amiss**, that you may spend it upon your lusts. Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Therefore, whoever desires to be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. Do you think that the Scripture says in vain, the spirit that dwells in us yearns to envy? But He gives more grace. Therefore, He says, God resists the proud, but **He gives grace to the humble**" (James 4:1-6).

"And answering Jesus said to them, 'Have faith in God. For truly I say to you that whoever shall say to this mountain, be moved and be cast into the sea, and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that what he said shall occur, he shall have whatever he said. Therefore, I say to you, all things, **whatever you ask, praying, believe that you shall receive them**, and it will be to you'" (Mark 11:22-24).

"But let him **ask in faith, doubting nothing**. For he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, driven by the wind and tossed. For do not let that man think that he shall receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, not dependable in all his ways" (James 1:6-8).

GlobalChristians.com provide an insightful list of substitutions for 'asking in faith'. "Now we often try to substitute something else for 'asking in faith' such as:

- Wishing
- A Ritual
- Bribing God
- Being Good
- Short-cuts / Ishmael's
- Belonging to an Organization
- Strong Emotion
- Religious Philosophy” http://www.eomtc.com/aibi/seek_find.html
- Vaguely Hoping
- A Magical Practice
- Sacrifice
- Thinking Hard
- Believing a Favorite Doctrine
- Memorizing the Bible
- Spiritual Experiences



<https://thefellowshipoftheking.net/2015/06/06/throwing-away-the-ladder-seeking-god-beyond-logic/>

Seek

- With diligence
- With all your heart
- With all your soul
- Continually

"I love those who love me; And those who **diligently seek me will find me**" (Proverbs 8:17).

"But from there **you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find Him if you search for Him with all your heart and all your soul.** When you are in distress and all these things have come upon you, **in the latter days you will return to the LORD your God and listen to His voice.** For the LORD your God is a compassionate God; He will not fail you nor destroy you nor forget the covenant with your fathers which He swore to them" (Deuteronomy 4:29-31).

"You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 29:13).

SEEK GOD, SEEK HIS STRENGTH, SEEK HIS FACE continually (1 Chronicles 16:11).

"Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near" (Isaiah 55:6).

"For thus says the LORD to the house of Israel, 'Seek Me that you may live'" (Amos 5:4).

“After these things I will return, and I will rebuild the tabernacle of David which has fallen, and I will rebuild its ruins, and I will restore it, **so that the rest of mankind may seek the LORD, and all the gentiles who are called by my name**” (Acts 15:16-17 from Amos 9:11-12).

SEEK GOD’S FACE—AN INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

“When You said, ‘Seek My face,’ my heart said to You, ‘Your face, O LORD, I shall seek’” (Psalm 27:8).

SEEK RIGHTEOUSNESS—GOD’S WAY OF LOVE, SEEK HUMILITY—GOD’S NATURE

“Seek the LORD, all you humble of the earth who have carried out His ordinances; **Seek righteousness, seek humility** perhaps you will be hidden In the day of the LORD’S anger” (Zephaniah 2:3).

SEEK FIRST THE GOD’S KINGDOM—A PRECIOUS AND RARE GIFT TO BECOME A SON OF THE ROYAL, RULING ETERNAL CREATOR’S FAMILY. BUILD AN UNBREAKABLE ALLEGIANCE.

“But **seek first his kingdom** and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well” (Matthew 6:33).

“But **our citizenship is in heaven**. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ” (Philippians 3:20).

"The **kingdom of heaven is like a treasure** hidden in the field, which a man found and hid again; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the **kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls**, and upon finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it” (Matthew 13:44-46).

SEEK THE GLORY OF GOD, HONOR AND IMMORTALITY—TO BE LIKE CHRIST AS CHRIST IS LIKE GOD.

“To those who by **perseverance in doing good seek glory, honor, and immortality**, He will give eternal life” (Romans 2:7).

“I press on to reach the end of the race and **receive the heavenly prize** for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us” (Philippians 3:14).

“Our conversation is in Heaven, from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ: who shall change our vile body, **that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body**, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself” (Philippians 3:20, 21).

“As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: **I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness**” (Psalm 17:15).

SEEK GOD’S WILL—FOLLOW CHRIST’S EXAMPLE AND PUT ASIDE YOUR WILL.

“I can do nothing by myself; I judge only as I hear. And my judgment is just, because I do not seek my own will, but the will of Him who sent me” (John 5:30).

“Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, **set your sights on the realities of heaven**, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand” (Colossians 3:1).

SEEK GOD'S PROTECTION—IF GOD BE FOR US, WHO BE AGAINST US?

“One thing I have asked from the LORD, that I shall seek: That **I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life**, to behold the beauty of the LORD and to meditate in His temple. For in the day of trouble **He will conceal me in His tabernacle; in the secret place of His tent, He will hide me**; He will lift me up on a rock. And now my head will be lifted up above my enemies around me, And I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD” (Psalm 27:4-8).



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Knock

CHRIST IS THE DOOR—THE WAY

“Then Jesus said to them again, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, **I am the door of the sheep**. All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. **I am the door**. If anyone enters in by Me, he shall be saved and shall go in and out and find pasture. (John 10:7-9).

THE DOOR THAT TRANSFORMS THE HEART OF STONE INTO A HEART OF FLESH

“Behold, **I stand at the door and knock**. If anyone hears My voice and **opens the door**, I will come in to him and will dine with him and he with Me. To him who **overcomes** I will grant to sit with Me in My throne, even **as I also overcame** and have sat down with My Father in His throne” (Revelation 3:20-21).

THE DOOR THAT OPENS THE WAY INTO SALVATION

“And one said to Him, ‘Lord, are the ones being saved few?’ And He said to them, ‘Strive to **enter in at the narrow gate**. For I say to you, **many will seek to enter in and shall not be able**. And once the Master of the house has risen up and has **shut the door**, and you begin to stand outside and to **knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open to us,’** and He shall answer and say to you, ‘**I do not know you; from where are you**’; then you shall begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in Your presence, and You have taught in our streets.’ But He shall say, ‘I tell you, I do not know you; from where you are. Depart from Me, all workers of unrighteousness!’ There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you will see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and yourselves being thrust out” (Luke 13:23-28).

THE DOOR OF FAITH

“And having arrived, and gathering the church they related all that God had done with them, and how **He had opened the door of faith to the nations**” (Acts 14:27).

THE DOOR OF AUTHORITY

“I know your works. Behold, **I have given before you an open door**, and **no one can shut it**. For you have a little strength and have kept my word and have not denied my name” (Revelation 3:8).

“But I will stay in Ephesus until Pentecost. For a great and effective **door opened** to me, and many are opposing” (1 Corinthians 16:8-9).

“And, when I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel, and a **door was opened to me by the Lord**” (II Corinthians 2:12).

“Continue in prayer and watch in it with thanksgiving, praying together about us also, that God may **open to us a door of the Word**, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I also have been bound” (Colossians 4:2-3).



THE KEY THAT UNLOCKS THE DOOR

Jesus Christ is the holder of the keys. “He placed his right hand on me and said, ‘Do not be afraid. I am the first and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And **I hold the keys of death and Hades.**

Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now and what will take place later” (Revelation 1:17-19).

“I will place on his shoulder **the key to the house of David; what he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open**” (Isaiah 22:22).

“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but **we have one who was tempted in every way that we are, yet was without sin.** Let us then **approach the throne of grace with confidence**, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need” (Hebrews 15:16).

“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and **the government shall be upon his shoulder**: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this” (Isaiah 9:6-7).

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