

DAY 25

THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 23

"Ask of me is the one condition God puts in the very advance and triumph of His cause." —E.M. Bounds

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." Matthew 7:7-8

TODAY'S DEVOTIONAL:

As a father of 3 children, I am often bombarded with requests. Each of my children asks my wife and I for things regularly. It can often feel never-ending! Dad, can I play outside? Dad, can I go to the game with friends? Dad, can we go get ice cream? Mom, can I get a ride to the mall and go shopping? You get my drift. At times it can be annoying and bothersome but yet this is how our heavenly father wants us to bother him in prayer. He gives us permission to bother him in prayer.

We should be encouraged to submit requests to Him daily. All kinds of requests, things that keep you up at night, difficult circumstances that you continue to worry about, and breakthroughs in a particular area of your life.

In Matthew 7, Jesus tells his disciples to 'ask' God, but this 'ask' is a persistent asking. In Philippians 4, Paul writes, Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

This is a reminder that our loving Father longs for us to ask of him. Asking God in prayer strengthens our relationship with him. Be specific about your request. Even though God knows what you want and need. He wants you to ask Him for it. God can answer vague prayers but being specific creates a deeper bond between you and Him.

God wants us to ask and ask again, not simply because he told us to pray, but because when we pray, we open another window for his glory to stream through.

Throughout scripture, God invites us to ask of him. What a heavenly invitation! Although parents often ask their children to stop bothering them with requests, our heavenly Father does not operate this way. He is longing to hear from us daily.

When was the last time you asked God in prayer for a specific, bold, and audacious request?

TODAY'S PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE:

Lord, may we be people that will bring daily requests to you. I thank you that you love giving good gifts to your children. We repent for our prayerlessness and ask you to give us a passion for prayer.

TODAY'S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON YOUR LIST:

Lord, may you give us open doors to reach the lost with the gospel message of Jesus Christ in our neighborhoods, workplaces, and city.

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