

Pinciples **O**f **P**rayer

Put some P.O.P. into your Christian walk.

“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

“Ask” - (Fifth in the series)

There’s something about the process of asking when you’re in prayer. When Jesus was teaching His disciples about prayer, He said, **“for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him”**. **Matthew 6:8**. Our requests are no surprise to God, so, why do we still have to ask? Because Jesus said so, that’s why!

In the Lord’s Prayer, (**Matthew 6**), Jesus instructs His guys, (and us too), to “...give us what we need today”, (**verse 11**). He’s basically saying, “I already know what you need but I want you to ask me for it.” Ask. In Matthew 7 when He’s telling us to ask, seek and knock., **verse 11** says, **“If ye then...know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?”**. Ask.

In the Greek, “ask” means to, call for, desire, or require.

“If two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.” Matthew 18:19. Ask.

“...yet ye have not, because ye ask not.” James 4:2. Ask.

“If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.” James 1:5. Ask and God won’t make fun of you for asking something dumb.

However...**“But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt,...he who doubts is like a wave blown and tossed by the wind. That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does”**. **James 1: 6-8**. When we ask, we can’t waver or wonder if we’re going to receive. We have to be sure and to do that, we have to know what God’s Word says about our situation. Get in the book and find out.

So, we ask, according to God’s will, without a doubt, and what happens? **“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: 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 what we asked of him”**. **1 John 5: 14-15**. We ask – He hears – we know we have it. What’s left to do? Well, while we’re waiting for it to come to pass, we thank God, we praise Him, we give Him the glory and we look expectantly for our answer. Ask.