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HOW TO RECEIVE FROM GOD

Jesus told us the key to receiving good things from the Lord which we may desire. Matthew 7:7 tells it. **“Ask, and it shall be given you. Seek, and ye shall find. Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.”** [It is repeated in Luke 11:9.] This is a relatively simple process in three steps.

1. Ask. Although God knows the desires of your heart, you still must speak it. The tongue is powerful. God expects you to ask in faith, believing for it. James 4:2b says, **“Ye have not, because ye ask not.”** John 16:24b says, **“Ask, and ye shall receive, [so] that your joy may be full.”** James 4:3 warns us, however, not to ask amiss according to our lusts [selfish desires], in which case we will not receive.

2. Seek. We should be actively seeking [looking for] the blessings and promises of God. If you do not know what you are seeking, then you will not really know what to ask for. You do not simply ask in a “blank check.” You need to “fill in” that check with whatever you are asking for. What is it you seek?

3. Knock. Keep knocking on God’s door [asking, seeking]. When you knock on the door of someone’s house, they do not always answer the door upon the very first knock. You keep knocking when you know they are home. God is always home, so keep knocking if the answer does not immediately come.

God rewards persistence. It shows your earnestness. Act as if you know you have the answer, even if you do not yet see it yet in the natural. See it by faith. You will receive it in God’s timing, whether it is immediate, very soon, or later.