

THE ASKING THAT RECEIVES

INTRO

We saw from Luke 11 as Jesus taught on prayer that one aspect of prayer is that "Prayer is Asking." Although it's true that God knows everything, we can't develop the attitude that there's no need to ask anything from God. Even though we have a relationship with a loving Heavenly Father, He still tells us to ask.

I. The Asking That Receives or Guidelines For Asking.

- A. James 1:5-8 Ask in faith or believing
(esp. v 6)
Matthew 21:22 Ask in prayer believing
(Mark 11:24 When you pray [ask] believe you receive)
Asking doesn't cause faith or believing to work;
believing and faith cause our asking to work.
- B. John 15:7 Ask out of an abiding relationship with Jesus and His Word.
As we live in the Word and live close to Jesus, we won't want what's
not His will.
- C. 1 John 5:14, 15 Ask according to His will.
Your heart can be assured and be full of confidence that it's God's will
when you have His Word for it - His Word is His will.
- D. 1 John 3:21, 22 Ask out of an obedient and pleasing walk in love.
Gal. 5:6 - faith worketh by love.
If we ask and never receive, we need to see if we are obeying the
command of love.
- E. James 4:2 Ask out of a proper motivation.
amiss - evil
consume - to extend; consume; squander; be at an expense to