

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:" *Matthew 7:7 KJV*



If you “need” it, ask for it. If you don’t have it, maybe you haven’t sought it in the right places. The parallel passage in Luke’s Gospel gives a bit more detail. “*And I say unto you, ‘Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?’*” This puts a definitive point on what we should be asking for, the Holy Spirit; essentially, His guidance in Truth. “*God is a Spirit. He shall guide you into all Truth.*” What this means is God is waiting for you to spend time with Him! God loves you! What delights a lover more than the object of their love? What is the object of your love? “*We love Him, because He first loved us.*” Many times we confuse “wants” with “needs,” and we often search in the same places that have yielded nothing but heartache in the past. If a door is shut, knock. We stand outside of closed doors and weep, but never raise a hand to knock or turn the knob. Doors may be shut, but unlocked. We often just need to turn the knob which means a step of faith; trusting God’s promise. If the door remains closed, seek elsewhere. “*The steps of a good man are ordered (directed) by the Lord (through His Word).*” Search for an open or unlocked door. God will open doors of opportunity to lead us in a particular direction and then leave one shut but unlocked to test our resolve. We ask and receive not, because we ask for what is not on God’s list for us. “*Ye ask and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts (carnal desires). Delight thyself also in the Lord and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart.*” You’ll want what you think about. Do not ask God to remove trials, but steer you away from temptation. Our body is carnal “*sold under sin.*” It will always want to sin. The secrets of success are found in obeying God’s Word. As you search the Scriptures, the Holy Spirit will reveal Truth to your soul and guide your thoughts as you meditate upon it. In the words of the old hymn:

This world is not my home; I’m just a passin’ through,  
My treasure is laid up somewhere beyond the blue,  
The angels beckon me from Heaven’s open door,  
And I can’t feel at home in this world anymore! ~Albert E. Brumley

Abraham was just a sojourner in the land and looked for a city “*whose builder and maker is God.*” I have to ask, “How did he know to search? Who told him?” We know he is called “*the friend of God.*” It is therefore highly probable that it was God who told him. If God builds a city where does He build it? It is imperative that we start believing and obeying Truth if we are ever to escape this natural plane of existence. If we allow ourselves to only believe and trust what the five physical senses can detect, we will never see God! For what have you asked God? If your back is turned on Him, you will never see Him handing it to you. What is it that you consider to be treasure? A glimpse of God is just a page turn away.

*"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God." 1 Corinthians 2:9-10 KJV*