

# LET'S LIVE!

WITH ABUNDANCE

GETTING WHAT YOU NEED—AND WANT



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JOHN 15:7-8 & 16

*"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.... You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you."*



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*"Ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."*

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## THE FRUIT-BEARING LIFE

IS ONE OF THE STRONGEST PROOFS  
THAT I AM CHRIST'S DISCIPLE.



*Bearing much fruit is how I bring  
public glory to God the Father.*

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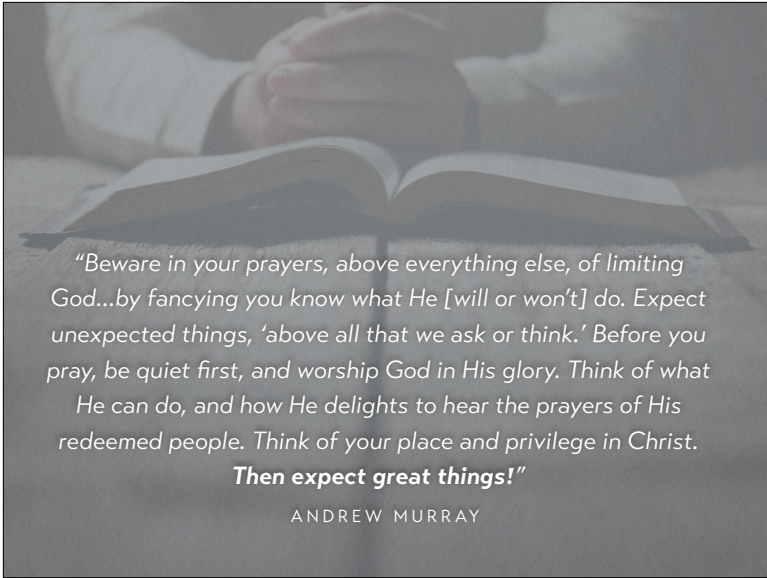
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*"Beware in your prayers, above everything else, of limiting God...by fancying you know what He [will or won't] do. Expect unexpected things, 'above all that we ask or think.' Before you pray, be quiet first, and worship God in His glory. Think of what He can do, and how He delights to hear the prayers of His redeemed people. Think of your place and privilege in Christ.*

***Then expect great things!"***

ANDREW MURRAY

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## WHY DO WE NEED TO ASK DAILY FOR BREAD?

Daily praying jogs our memory that God not only provides answers, he is our answer!

*The issue is not just about having a full stomach; it is about having a full heart. It is not really bread that we need daily, it is God that we need daily.*

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**Luke 11:11-13**

“You fathers—if your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead, or a scorpion if they ask for an egg? Never! So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?”

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**Prayer**  
not only produces a result, it produces a relationship, which is a far better and longer lasting kind of fruit.

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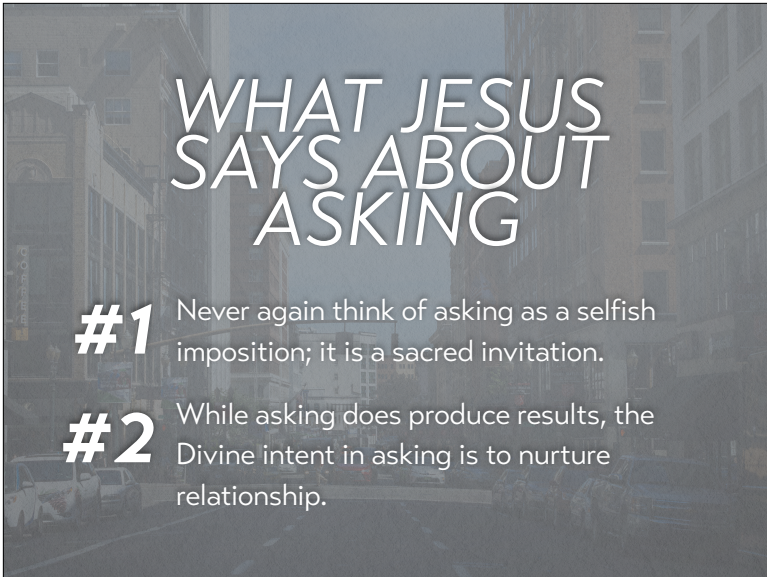
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**WHAT JESUS SAYS ABOUT ASKING**

**#1** Never again think of asking as a selfish imposition; it is a sacred invitation.

**#2** While asking does produce results, the Divine intent in asking is to nurture relationship.

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# GARDENING RULES

For God's Vineyard

## 1

Fruitful praying must always be **planted** in the soil of Biblical faith.

"We can't please God without faith, for whoever comes to God must have faith that God exists and rewards those who seek him." - **Hebrews 11:6**

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# FOUNDATIONAL FAITH

We must come to God in faith:

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Trust  
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# GARDENING RULES

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## 2

Fruitful praying must always be **watered** by asking in Jesus' name.

"Whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you."  
- **John 15:16**

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# PRAYING IN JESUS' NAME

Using Jesus name is to ask for what is consistent with his flawless character, in submission to his perfect will and will bring him utmost glory.

Using Jesus name correctly means we should pray as if Jesus himself were doing the asking.

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## GARDENING RULES For God's Vineyard

### 3

Fruitful praying must always be **weeded** from the intrusion of selfish motives.

The natural drift in prayer is to ask as if nobody but ourselves mattered.

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## THE REQUIREMENTS OF RECEIVING

### GOD'S GLORIFICATION

"This is to my father's glory." (v. 8)



### OUR OBEDIENCE

"If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love... my command is this: Love one another." (vv. 10, 17)

### CHRIST'S EXALTATION

"You must testify of me." (v. 27)

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# THE PROMISE OF PRAYING

If, in my asking, I will care for God's glory, God will care for my good.

"Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart." - Psalm 37:4

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The **bigness** of my requests honor the **bigness** of my God!

"We have not because we ask not."  
- James 4:2



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# LET'S LIVE

100% of the big, audacious prayers I don't pray won't get answered!

Pray & pray **bigly!**



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