



Ask the Lord, not men

One area I believe is of great temptation to believers trusting God is the area of asking other people for financial support and/or their needs to be met. Many have been wired to petition and ask people. While many pray asking God, they are truly looking to God for their provision. This has been the hindrance to many receiving from the Lord.

Christians, born-again believers have no shame in asking and they do so using certain scriptures.

Many in prayer circles present their prayer requests but what they are doing they are making their needs known to the people around to do something about their sad situation. They will give and leave clues everywhere and in every way they possibly can.

- 1) Matthew 7:7-8 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: 8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.
 - A) While this passage speaks of asking, it is not speaking of asking from man, but God. Our asking has to be directed to the Lord, not to man.
 - B) We need to stop asking man but ask the Lord.
- 2) Text: Philippians 4:5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. 6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.
 - A) Well, the Bible says, "Ask and it shall be given thee." Many think, "I if I do not let him know what my needs are, he won't know." This approach takes our focus off the Lord to people. We need to keep our eyes stayed upon the Lord at all costs. We have to have the sensitivity to let the Lord speak to people.

- a) In some cases, the Lord will specifically tell a person to ask a specific person, but this is an exception, not the general rule. Many have made the exception the general rule and the general rule the exception an approach that limits God.
- b) Put your expectation on God and His Word, not people, not your boss, government, or husband. God is your true source. Put all the pressure for your needs on God not on people.

B) **Revelation from the Lord: One time** I was believing God for a financial breakthrough, but at the same time I was looking to a person I expected to bail me out and when they did not, I was very disappointed and as I did, God spoke to me. The revelation Lord gave me in regard to who my source is transformed my life. Here it goes:

- a) *If you are angry and mad at someone for not coming through for you or not do as they ha promised, you do not have God as your source because if you did, you would not be angry, upset or disappointed. Having and knowing that the Lord is your source will keep you from being mad.*

3) Ephesians 6:5-8 Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; 6 Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; 7 With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men: 8 Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.

A) Receive of the Lord

- a) Notice that we do not receive of man, but of the Lord. This further highlight why we need to look to the Lord.

Sure, God uses man and works through people, but man is not our source.

4) Philippians 4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

A) Why do we have to ask God and look to God?

B) Because He is our supplier. He supplies for all our needs.

C) While sometimes we are tempted to look and ask men, what we forget is that man is not our supplier, but God.

5) Psalms 30:8 I cried to thee, O LORD; and unto the LORD I made supplication.

A) David made his supplication and request to the Lord, not to man. If we are frustrated, it is because we have been looking to man and making our supplication to man.

6) Matthew 20:32 And Jesus stood still, and called them, and said, **What will ye that I shall do unto you?**

A) It is the Lord that does certain things unto us.

7) John 2:3 And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine.

A) Mary knew who to ask.

a) She did not waste time asking and putting her hopes in man or men. She was looking to her son (Jesus) who was and is God.

8) Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

A) Where do you go to find grace and mercy in time of need? Not to man, but to God. This is where we go and should go for everything.

9) 2 Corinthians 9:8-12 8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may abound to every good work: 9 (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever. 10 Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)

A) Notice that it is grace that is able to make all grace abound toward you—not man. If you want all sufficiency in all things and abound unto every good work we need to look to the Lord.