

# James 1:5-6

James taught us how to ask God so that we will receive an answer.



### ASK IN FAITH

“The require-  
ment to ask in faith  
[implies] the necessity  
to not only express  
but to do, the dual

obligation to both plead and to  
perform, the requirement to commu-  
nicate and to act.”

Elder David A. Bednar of the Quorum of the  
Twelve Apostles, Apr. 2008 general conference.

### LACK WISDOM

To some extent or other, we all  
lack the kind of wisdom that only  
God can give us. “The things of God  
knoweth no man, but the Spirit of  
God” (1 Corinthians 2:11). That’s why  
we all need to ask of Him.

### LIBERALLY

*Liberal*—The Greek word this is  
translated from denotes “simplicity,”  
which may imply a single-mindedness  
in God’s purpose to give to us openly  
and generously.

### UPBRAIDETH NOT

God will answer you and will  
never *upbraid* (criticize, scold, or  
reproach) you for humbly asking  
Him for an answer to a sincere  
question.

5 “If any of you lack <sup>b</sup>wisdom, let  
him ask of God, that <sup>c</sup>giveth to all  
*men* liberally, and <sup>d</sup>upbraideth not;  
and it shall be given him.

6 But let him <sup>a</sup>ask in <sup>b</sup>faith, nothing  
<sup>c</sup>wavering. For he that wavereth is  
like a wave of the sea driven with  
the wind and tossed.

### GIVETH TO ALL MEN

“He denieth none that come unto  
him, . . . and all are alike unto God.”

2 Nephi 26:33



### NOTHING WAVERING

“In times of  
distress, let your  
covenants be par-  
amount and let

your obedience be exact. Then you  
can ask in faith, nothing wavering,  
according to your need, and God  
will answer.”

Elder D. Todd Christofferson of the Quorum of the  
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### ASK OF GOD

“Prayers are addressed to our  
Heavenly Father in the name of Jesus  
Christ. . . .

“The object of prayer is not to  
change the will of God, but to secure  
for ourselves and for others blessings  
that God is already willing to grant,  
but that we must ask for in order to  
obtain.”

Guide to the Scriptures, “Prayer,” scriptures.lds.org.

*Editors’ note: This page is not meant to be a  
comprehensive explanation of the selected  
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