

James 1:5-6

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



ASK IN FAITH

“The requirement 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 communicate and to act.”

Elder David A. Bednar of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, “Ask in Faith,” *Ensign* or *Liahona*, May 2008, 94.

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 ^bwisdom, let him ask of God, that ^cgiveth to all *men* liberally, and ^dupbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

6 But let him ^aask in ^bfaith, nothing ^cwavering. 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 paramount 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 Twelve Apostles, “The Power of Covenants,” *Ensign* or *Liahona*, May 2009, 22.

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.

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