

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 ^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 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
Twelve Apostles, Apr. 2009 general conference.

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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comprehensive explanation of the selected
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for your own study.*