

# Ask Anything

## Well, Not Exactly 5

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*And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.*

—Luke 11:9 (ESV)

*And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’? I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”*

—Luke 11:5-13 (ESV)

## 1. Ask with persistence

*And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith.”*

—Matthew 21:22 (ESV)

## 2. Ask in Faith

*“Faith does not operate in the realm of the possible.  
There is no glory for God in that which is humanly  
possible. Faith begins where man’s power ends.”*

*— George Mueller, an evangelist and famous for caring  
for over 10000 orphans in his lifetime.*

*And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that  
if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.*

*—1 John 5:14 (ESV)*

### **3. Ask according to God’s Will**

*You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to  
spend it on your passions.*

*—James 4:3 (ESV)*

**At its core, prayer isn’t about getting what my heart  
desires. It’s about getting what God desires into my heart.**

*Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and  
you will receive, that your joy may be full.*

*—John 16:24 (ESV)*

***Invitation = Ask!***

***Promise = Joy!***