

## **Keep On Asking, Keep On Seeking, Keep On Knocking!**

Based on the command of Christ #17 – “Ask, seek and knock”.

Matt 7:7-11

7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

8 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

9 Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone?

10 Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent?

11 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!"

\* Asking (ahee-teh'-o) = request, petition or demand.

\* Seeking (dzay-teh'-o) = "getting to the bottom of a matter."

Romans 8:26b-27

26 "... the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God."

\* Knocking Knock (kroo'-o) = to strike, beat a door with a stick, to gain admittance.

**1. God does not promise to answer everyone's prayers!**

**2. We are expected to ask for the things God has promised!**

Matt 7:a - "ask and it will be given."

James 4:2b-3 - "... you do not have because you do not ask." When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

**3. God hears and answers every prayer prayed according to His will!**

Matt 7:8 - "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened."

1 Jn. 5:14

14 This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

15 And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

#### **4. Sometimes in His sovereignty, God gives us what we need and not what we ask for!**

Matt 7:9-11

9 "Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone?

10 Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent?

11 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!"

#### **5. No prayer prayed according to God's will is ever wasted!**