

THE IMPORTANCE OF ASKING

James 4:2, "And yet the reason you don't have what you want is that you don't ASK God for it."

Here is a sober reality...we can be saved and still be lacking in our lives. The gift of salvation doesn't mean that we are immediately mature. It simply means that we are a part of the family of God. But there is much that God wants to teach us and reveal to us. One such area is "the power of asking". The God that created us wants to be intimately involved in all the details of our lives, down to the most minute.

However, we can live treating God as a stranger and missing His best. When we miss the best, many times it begins and ends with this sober fact...ASKING. We did not ask God. We did not ask God His direction. We did not ask God to guide us. We did not lay our desires before Him and allow Him to filter them. God loves us, but can't give us anything but His best.

Yet, hear the words of our Lord through James, "...the reason you don't have what you want is that you don't ask God". Asking is not only powerful but is the means whereby heaven is opened to our lives. When heaven is closed it is because we have not prayed or are not praying. Heaven is totally open to the person who prays believing. Asking and believing is key to unlocking the wonders of God.

How sad to have the key to unlock the storehouse of God and never use it. Any believer and all believers have access to "asking", but the issue is will they. God gives an indirect promise in this verse. When we begin asking by faith we will receive. God help us take You at Your Word.