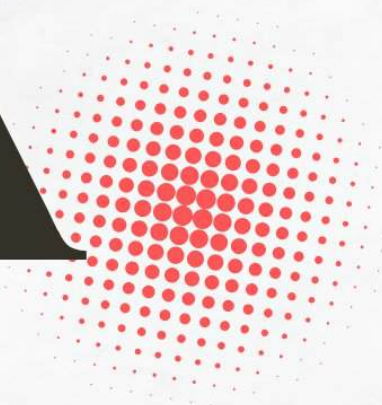


ASK



August 23, 2026

Why We Do Not Ask



01. *It shows weakness*

02. *Low self-esteem*

03. *Lack the necessary social skills*

04. *It's just wrong*

05. *We don't want to inconvenience anyone*

Why We Do Not Ask



06. *Lack of assertiveness*

07. *Low self-esteem*

08. *Shouldn't have to ask*

09. *Pride*

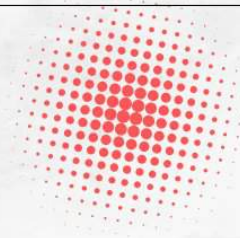
10. *Negative experiences*

Why We Do Not Ask



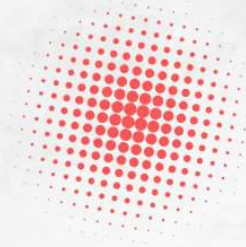
11. *Fear of rejection*

Matthew 5:42



Give to those who ask, and don't turn away from those who want to borrow.

Matthew 6:6 – 8



⁶ *But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.*

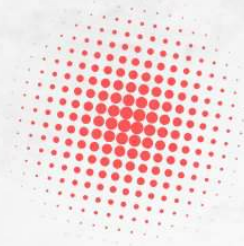
⁷ *“When you pray, don’t babble on and on as the Gentiles do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. ⁸ Don’t be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him!*

Matthew 7:7-11



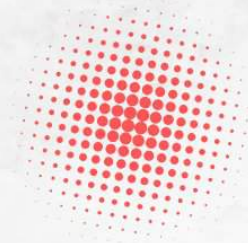
⁷ “Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

Matthew 7:7-11



⁹ “You parents—if your children ask for a loaf of bread, do you give them a stone instead? ¹⁰ Or if they ask for a fish, do you give them a snake? Of course not! ¹¹ So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him.

James 4:2b



Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it.

Intimidation



01. *The Disciple were*

02. *His family was*

03. *The spiritual leaders were*

04. *Crowds were not*

05. *Individuals were not*

06. *Children were not*

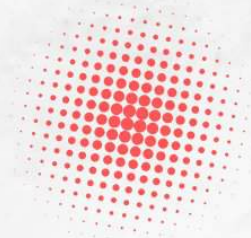
Jesus encouraged his disciples to ask him
for whatever they needed.

7 times he reinforced the idea of asking.



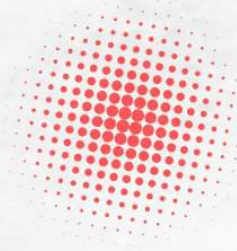
John 14 – 16

John 14:13-16



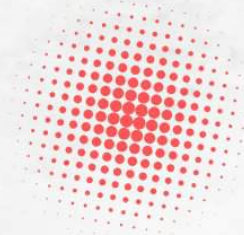
¹³ You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father. ¹⁴ Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it! ¹⁵ “If you love me, obey my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you.

John 15:7-8



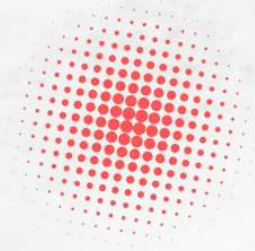
⁷But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! ⁸When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.

John 15:15-17



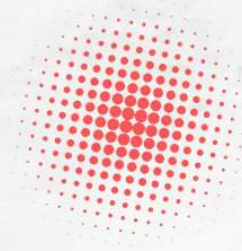
¹⁵ I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me. ¹⁶ You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.

John 16:22-27



²² So you have sorrow now, but I will see you again; then you will rejoice, and no one can rob you of that joy. ²³ At that time you won't need to ask me for anything. I tell you the truth, you will ask the Father directly, and he will grant your request because you use my name. ²⁴ You haven't done this before. Ask, using my name, and you will receive, and you will have abundant joy.

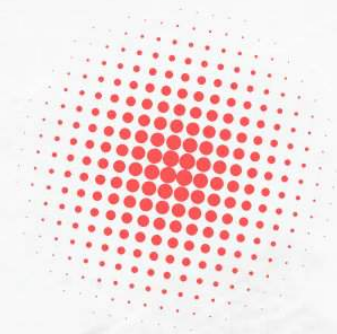
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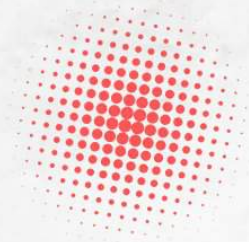
²⁵ “I have spoken of these matters in figures of speech, but soon I will stop speaking figuratively and will tell you plainly all about the Father. ²⁶ Then you will ask in my name. I’m not saying I will ask the Father on your behalf, ²⁷ for the Father himself loves you dearly because you love me and believe that I came from God.

APPLICATION

1. Abide



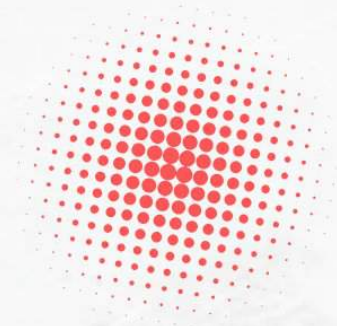
John 16:24



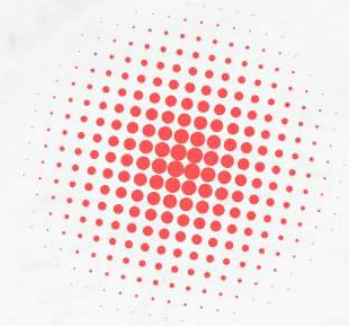
Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

APPLICATION

2. Love



Obedience Based On Love



John 14:15 – *If you love me, obey my commandments.*

John 14:21 – *Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me.*

John 14:24 – *Anyone who doesn't love me will not obey me.*

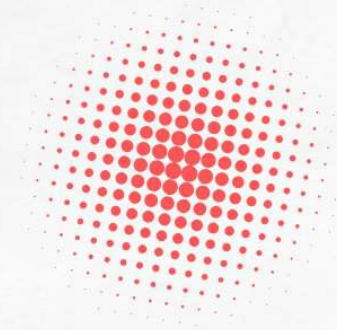
John 15:10 – *When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain in his love.*

Love One Another

John 15:12 – 13 – ¹²*This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you.*

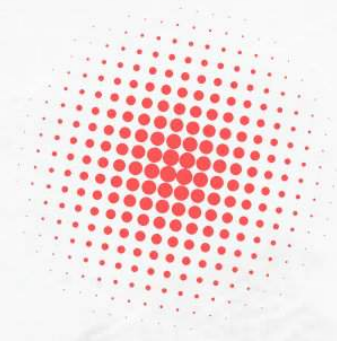
¹³*There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.*

John 15:17 – *This is my command: Love each other.*



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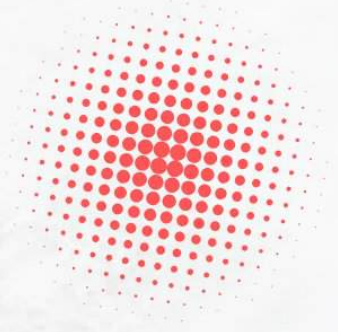
3. The Holy Spirit



Jesus Provided A Helper

John 14:16 – 17 – ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. ¹⁷He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you.

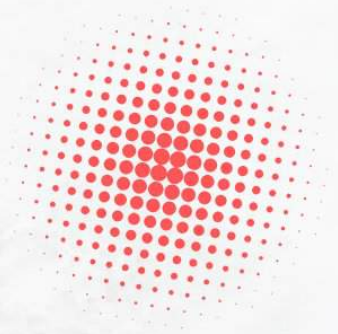
John 14:26 – But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.



Jesus Provided A Helper

John 16:7 – 8 – ⁷ But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don't, the Advocate won't come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you. ⁸ And when he comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgment.

Romans 8:26 - And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words.



ASK

