

ASK GOD THE CORRECT QUESTIONS

2 Chronicles 30:20 ... "And the Lord listened to Hezekiah and healed the people."

Today's verse reminds us that God listens and responds to his Godly and righteous servants.

You can ask God anything you like. God does not limit what you can say to him or ask of him, though he does not respond well to cursing or disrespect. However, the way that you ask Him will determine if you receive an answer that satisfies you. For instance, we often speak about trials and how they are designed to help us grow, mature, and deepen our faith in God. You can respond to God in one of two ways when he allows a circumstance to test your faith or devotion to him: You can blame him for the trial, or you can ask him what he wants you to learn from it.

If you blame God for your trial you are not likely to receive a pat on the back or a warm feeling in return. If you complain to God about the trial, you will not be satisfied with his response, which may very well be silence. But if you understand that God has allowed the trial to help you grow your faith, and if you humbly and sincerely ask him what He wants you to learn, the Holy Spirit will reveal that to you, perhaps immediately.

This principle also works when you need help making a decision. If you need to make an important decision in your life and sincerely want God's guidance in doing so, you can ask him for wisdom. If you are doing your best to obediently serve Christ, he will honor that and give you the wisdom you need. However, if you have already made your decision and think that praying about it is good insurance, you can forget about God's help.

If you want to know God's plan for your life, ask him. Again, if you are living in obedience to Christ, his plan for you will be revealed, at least partially; perhaps in steps. But if you are pursuing your own plan and pray for God to endorse it, you will not be pleased with his silence or even his discipline.

If you want to get married and already have your eyes on a young gal or guy, asking God to make that marriage happen may not work. But if you ask God to lead you to the one he desires you to marry, you will find success. That is, IF God wants you to marry.

Asking God to go along with your plans, your desires, and your wishes, is a bad move. God wants to direct your path and he wants you to accept his plan for your life. Any other alternative will disappoint you.

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