

## Let Him Ask

1. Read James 1:5-8  
Are we to hide from God our needs?  
What are we to do if we lack wisdom or anything else for that matter?  
What is the basis of our faith mentioned in these few verses?  
The word upbraid means to reproach or to criticise for not having the wisdom ourselves. You see that GOD UPBRAIDS NOT. What is the thing which will prevent us receiving from the Lord? To be double minded is what we would say to be in two minds. Read James 4:8 What is the solution to double mindedness? If you draw near to God for help what will God's reaction be? Do you lack wisdom? Will you ask the Lord Jesus? Is there any reason why He should not give it to you? If you doubt, will you draw near to God so He can help you with your doubts?
2. Read 2 Chronicles 1:7-12  
What did God offer Solomon? Was there any limit to what he could have asked? Did Solomon receive more than he asked for? Did Solomon ask things for his own benefit or as much for others? Is this why God gave him all those other things too?
3. Read Luke 11:1-13  
Who should we ask to teach us how to pray? Are we allowed to ask for our daily needs? Do you think that this applies not only to bread but to the spiritual food we need (including wisdom)? What is it that God gives us when we ask bread for others? (vs. 13) Is the Holy Spirit the supplier of all that Jesus calls "bread"? Both for others and ourselves?
4. Read Ephesians 1:15-18  
What was Paul praying for the Ephesians to receive? Who do you think the "Spirit of wisdom and revelation" is? Read John 16:13-15 for the answer. (It is not that the Ephesians had not received the Holy Spirit; read Ephesians 1:13-14 for knowledge of that. Paul was praying for more for them, there is always more for us to understand.)
5. Go back to Luke. What does Jesus say about all who ask? And all who seek? And all who knock? Do you think He knew this from His own experience? Read Luke 9:12-17 to see how Jesus received when He asked His Father? In Luke 11:11 what is the requirement for asking? Of Whom are we asking? Read John 17:1 to see to Whom Jesus prayed. What characteristic of God is shown in Luke 11:11-13?
6. Read Matthew 6:5-15 and Luke 12:22-31  
Where should we do our asking? (This does not mean you cannot ask or pray in meetings, it does mean though that you should seek God in the quiet of your own heart.) How should we ask? What does God know about our needs?  
Should we concentrate on asking for things to clothe and to feed our bodies or on the things of the kingdom of God?  
What will God do if we seek first the kingdom of God?  
In Matthew what will prevent us receiving?
7. Read Hebrews 4:14-16  
Does Jesus understand our weaknesses? When can we come to Him?  
What will He provide for us to help at these times?  
Has Jesus Christ the power to help us? Why?
8. Read John 15:7, 1 John 3:18-24, Matthew 21:21-22, Mark 11:24  
What can you learn from these verses about the requirements for asking and receiving from the Lord Jesus?