

How to receive from God!

“Give us today our daily bread” Matthew 6:11 (NIV)

Over the years, I've discovered three “postures” toward the blessing of God in our lives:

There are those who [misunderstand it](#)

There are those who [want it](#)

There are those who [receive it!](#)

Though I don't claim to have all the answers to this important dimension of the Christian walk, I do believe that we can summarize the heart of Jesus by focusing on his simple prayer instruction: “give us today our daily bread”.

I. [Be obedient](#)

This involves practicing the first two directives of the Lord's Prayer: “worshipping the Father's name” and “seeking the Father's kingdom and will”

Forsaking sin—Psalm 66:18

Checking your motives— James 4:2-3, Matthew 6:24

II. [Rejoice in the Lord](#)

“Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart.” Psalm 37:4

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!” Phil. 4:4

III. [Expect blessing](#)

Faith is always the key to receiving from God.

“When Jesus heard this, he was astonished and said to those following him, “I tell you the truth, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith.” Matt. 8:10

Matt 21:22, Mark 11:24, 2Cor 9:11, Luke 6:38, Luke 18:1-8

IV. [Act Accordingly](#)

2Cor 9:6, Luke 5:13

V. [Don't give up!](#)

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.” Matt 7:7-8 Luke 18:1-8

The Three great obstacles are:

1. We are not walking with [Jesus as Lord](#)
2. We do not ask with [faith](#)
3. We [give up](#) too soon

Small Group & Personal Reflection Questions:

1. Always coming to the Lord and asking him for things is not the essence of prayer. It is something that God promises to honor hundreds and hundreds of times in His Word. Have you been encouraged or discouraged in terms of God answering your prayers?
2. Which of the 5 specific directives that were given rang most true as a need in your prayer life? B. R. E. A. D.
3. Which of the three obstacles do you must struggle to keep in focus
4. What would it be like for you to have enough to meet your needs and to give generously as God directed you to the needs of others? Describe the feeling of that kind of “contentment”
5. What's the difference between an “owner” and a “manager”?
6. What does it mean to “give with your eyes on eternity”?