

Matthew 7:7-12

⁷ "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.
⁸ For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.
⁹ Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone?
¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent?
¹¹ If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!
¹² Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets. Matthew 7:7-12 (NKJV)

Chapter 7:1-12 forms a chiasm.

1. Focus on others
2. Focus on yourself
3. Focus on yourself
4. Focus on others

Ask, Seek, Knock

1. Ask – Greek word aiteō:
2. Seek – Greek word zēteō:
3. Knock – Greek work krouō:

Acts 3:1-10 – Example of the Lame Beggar

What – Who – Why

1. What are we asking?
 - a. Our needs
 - b. Needs of others
2. Who are we asking?
 - a. Our heavenly Father
 - b. Comparison to earthly father
3. Why are we asking?
 - a. Most important question
 - b. What is my motivation?

James 4:1-10

Is God a vending machine or a fast drive through?