

MASTERING THE ART OF ASKING QUESTIONS

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(Matthew 7:7)

God commanded us to ask questions. Asking questions is the key to receiving. You cannot receive anything until you ask a question. A question opens the door to enlightenment. A question opens the door to wisdom.

A question will always attract an answer. When people do not ask questions they will remain dumb while living under the umbrella of ignorance. Hosea 4:6 says, "*My people perish for the lack of knowledge.*"

**PEOPLE LACK KNOWLEDGE BECAUSE THEY
NEVER ASK QUESTIONS.**

STOP ASSUMING AND START ASKING!

WHAT TYPE OF QUESTIONS ARE YOU ASKING?

The difference between the people who make wise decisions and the people who make foolish decisions is the **TYPE** of questions they ask. In order to attract the **RIGHT** answers, to receive the **RIGHT** perspective, to go into the **RIGHT** direction, you must ask the **RIGHT** questions.

Unfortunately, many people are misguided, confused and lost because they **DO NOT** ask the right questions. When people receive wrong information it is because their question was asked in the **WRONG CONTEXT**.

Remember, God said, "*Ask and you shall receive.*" This is a general statement. The **TYPE** of questions you ask will determine the type of information you receive. Here's what I mean...

- If you ask a simple question, you will receive a simple answer.
- If you ask a financial question, you will receive a financial answer.
- If you ask a complicated question, you will receive a complicated answer.

In order to receive what you want and need, you need to master the art of asking questions. Whether you believe it or not, there is a skill to asking questions. Most people are not aware of this.

In order to develop this skill, you must become **ALERT** to what you hear, see and feel. **OBSERVATION IS THE KEY TO DEVELOPING THE ART OF ASKING QUESTIONS.**

DEVELOP THE SKILL OF ASKING

In order to develop the art of asking questions you must abide by the **LAWS** of asking questions. There are biblical laws that people must comply with in order to get the right answer. The goal of asking a question is to "**RECEIVE**" what you are expecting.

If you are **NOT RECEIVING THE RIGHT** answers to your questions, it is because you are violating these essential principles. To develop your skill of asking the right questions, study these laws.

LAW #1

- Never ask questions that will **OFFEND** people. An offensive question disturbs a person's values and core beliefs.

LAW #2

- Do not ask **INAPPROPRIATE** questions. An inappropriate question violates a person's personal space.

LAW #3

- Do not ask questions that are **OUT OF YOUR JURISDICTION**. For instance, an employee should not ask their boss how much money the company makes.

LAW #4

- Your **RELATIONSHIP** with a person decides the type of questions you can ask. For instance, if you ask a person personal questions without establishing a personal relationship they will reject your question.

When you ask questions **OUTSIDE** of these laws, you will incite an argument and **NOT** receive what you're asking. These laws are not meant to be overlooked. They are

meant to be honored. If you have ever asked a question you **DID NOT** receive an answer to, it is because you violated one or more of these four laws.

If you want to **RECEIVE** an answer to your questions, make sure you **STUDY** and **REMEMBER** these laws so you will be positioned to receive the answers you are looking for. If you do not master the art of asking questions you will perish for the lack of knowledge.

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