

## "THE MAN WITH NO QUESTIONS"

Luke 11:5–10

One of the defining marks of being discipled- availability/ability to ask our pastors questions. The issue of asking questions is something that should be cultivated in us now, and should continue long after we are sent out.

### I. THE MAN WITH NO QUESTIONS

A. Perplexing issue: *Why do some men have no questions?*

1. See people go through issues/troubles, experience lack/failure – and yet never have anything to ask; WHY?
  - a. **Issue of Pride:** Feel/believe they know the answers: Or they can get them on their own
    1. *Pr 21:24 A proud and haughty man— “Scoffer” is his name; He acts with arrogant pride.*
      - a. ‘Acts’ on his own – never asking
    2. Some don’t want to feel ‘low’ or dumb by asking a question: Asking is a naturally humbling experience
      - a. Related: Maintaining an image – creating an ‘aura’ of knowledge, superiority, ‘cool’ etc
  2. **Issue of Ignorance:** Often those w/no questions simply don’t realize there’s things they don’t know
    - a. *Mt 22:12 So he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless.*
      1. About: Marriage, ministry, fruitfulness, scripture, working w/people
        - a. *Quote: The greatest wisdom is knowing that you don’t know*
      2. Sometimes don’t see problems/issues – can’t recognize the things that aren’t right in life
        - a. Many don’t ask questions b/c they simply cannot see that things can be better/fixed
    3. **Incorrect view of time:** When you don’t think about your future – naturally no questions
      - a. Not pondering where you could/might/may go in KOG –
        1. Some think about future, but believe have more time or unlimited time to ask those questions later
          - a. Don’t consider the sudden shifts of life/ministry

### II. THE PRINCIPLES OF ASKING

A. **Asking connected to relationship:** *Luke 11:5 And He said to them, “Which of you shall have a friend, and go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves;*

1. True with God and also with men – we will ask questions of people we have relationship with
  - a. SO: Questions can flow out of relationship
2. ALSO: Questions build relationship – that is how every relationship you’ve ever had outside family was built
  - a. Follow up – start asking questions: ‘where do you work’ etc – in time find common ground and hit it off
    1. *Book ‘Just Listen’ says ‘make others fascinating’ – IOW be interested in them and will naturally connect w/them*
3. TRUTH: Cannot be discipled from a distance – pastor can’t chase you down & make you a disciple
  - a. Questions close the gap of relationship and make connections

B. **Asking causes transference:** *Lk 11:8 I say to you...because of his persistence he will rise and give him as many as he needs.*

1. What one man had was given to another – literal transfer of goods
  - a. Remember parables are physical pictures of spiritual truths
2. When we ask questions, we are initiating a spiritual transfer – starting the process
  - a. This/how we get our pastor’s heart, spirit, outlook, passion – never happen without questions/impartation

C. **Asking brings revelation:** *Luke 11:9–10 “So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.* <sup>10</sup> *For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.*

1. When you ask/seek/knock – you discover something that is needed in life – REVELATION
  - a. *2 Ki 6:5–6 As one was cutting down a tree, the iron ax head fell into the water; and he cried out and said, “Alas, master! For it was borrowed.”*
- <sup>6</sup> *So the man of God said, “Where did it fall?” And he showed him the place. So he cut off a stick, and threw it in there; and he made the iron float.*
  1. By simply asking for help – got specific revelation concerning his circumstances
  2. NOTE: Not always about that issue: I ask questions and get revelation often unrelated to what I’m asking –
    - a. It’s a spirit of revelation

D. **Asking opens doors:** *v7 ‘my door is now shut’ – but: v8 ‘he will rise and give what he needs’ – What was closed became open*

1. **Doors to people:** TX man was closed off, but questions opened him up – changed the dynamic
  - a. Also opens you up – enables me to see where/at and help you
2. **Doors of opportunity:** As simple as asking for things or to do things
  - a. INT men who want ministry but will never ask for it! Won’t ask to preach, lead an outreach, etc
3. **Doors of the future:** Your future in ministry will largely be determined by the questions you ask
  - a. A man with no questions is a man with a limited future/destiny