

The God-Filled Life
#2: How To Seek God

2 Chronicles 26:5 *Uzziah sought God during the days of Zechariah, who taught him to fear God. And as long as the king sought guidance from the LORD, God gave him success.*

1. Understand what _____

2 Chronicles 14:9-12 *Once an Ethiopian named Zerah attacked Judah with an army of 1,000,000 men and 300 chariots. ... Then Asa cried out to the LORD his God, "O LORD, no one but you can help the powerless against the mighty! Help us, O LORD our God, for we trust in you alone. It is in your name that we have come against this vast horde. O LORD, you are our God; do not let mere men prevail against you!" So the LORD defeated the Ethiopians in the presence of Asa and the army of Judah, and the enemy fled.*

Matthew 6:33 *Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.*

2. Tell God _____

Matthew 7:7-8 *Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.*

3. _____

2 Chronicles 33:12 *But while in deep distress, Manasseh sought the LORD his God and sincerely humbled himself before the God of his ancestors.*

4. _____

2 Chronicles 16:12-13 *In the thirty-ninth year of his reign, Asa developed a serious foot disease. Yet even with the severity of his disease, he did not seek the LORD's help but turned only to his physicians. So he died in the forty-first year of his reign.*

Psalm 69:32 – 33 *Let all who seek God's help be encouraged. For the LORD hears the cries of the needy...*

2 Chronicles 14:4 *He commanded the people of Judah to seek the LORD, the God of their ancestors, and to obey his law and his commands.*

2 Chronicles 14:4,6 *He commanded the people of Judah to seek the LORD, the God of their ancestors, and to obey his law and his commands...No one tried to make war against him at this time, for the LORD was giving him rest from his enemies.*

2 Chronicles 31:21 *In all that he did in the service of the Temple of God and in his efforts to follow God's laws and commands, Hezekiah sought his God wholeheartedly. As a result, he was very successful.*

2 Chronicles 14:7 *Asa told the people of Judah, "Let us build towns and fortify them with walls, towers, gates, and bars. The land is still ours because we sought the LORD our God, and he has given us peace on every side." So they went ahead with these projects and brought them to completion.*

2 Chronicles 15:4 *But whenever they were in trouble and turned to the LORD, the God of Israel, and sought him out, they found him.*

2 Chronicles 15:15 *All in Judah were happy about this covenant, for they had entered into it with all their heart. They earnestly sought after God, and they found him. And the LORD gave them rest from their enemies on every side.*

⁵ Then, teaching them more about prayer, he used this story: “Suppose you went to a friend’s house at midnight, wanting to borrow three loaves of bread. You say to him, ⁶ ‘A friend of mine has just arrived for a visit, and I have nothing for him to eat.’ ⁷ And suppose he calls out from his bedroom, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is locked for the night, and my family and I are all in bed. I can’t help you.’ ⁸ But I tell you this—though he won’t do it for friendship’s sake, if you keep knocking long enough, he will get up and give you whatever you need because of your shameless persistence.^[d]

⁹ “And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

¹¹ “You fathers—if your children ask^[e] for a fish, do you give them a snake instead? ¹² Or if they ask for an egg, do you give them a scorpion? Of course not! ¹³ So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.”