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for Today's Challenges

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Today's  
Wisdom  
Thought is:

**“FAITH DOES NOT BEG,  
FAITH BELIEVES”**

**Matthew 6:8** — Your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

**Asking comes from a place of confidence. Begging comes from a place of desperation and fear.**

**ASKING is FAITH Speaking, while, BEGGING is FEAR Pleading!**

**Solomon asked God for Wisdom. He was asking because of his relationship with God.**

**1 Kings 3:5-13** — At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.”

<sup>6</sup> Solomon answered, “You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.

<sup>7</sup> “Now, Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. <sup>8</sup> Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. <sup>9</sup> So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?”

<sup>10</sup> The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. <sup>11</sup> So God said to him, “Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, <sup>12</sup> I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. <sup>13</sup> Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both wealth and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings.

**God answered Solomon's prayer because Solomon waited on the Lord.**

**How do I change A Begging Prayer into A Faith-Filled Asking Prayer?**

**CHANGE YOUR APPROACH**

**Mark 7:25-30** — In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet. <sup>26</sup> The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.

<sup>27</sup> “First let the children eat all they want,” he told her, “for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs.”

<sup>28</sup> “Lord,” she replied, “even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.”

<sup>29</sup> Then he told her, “For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter.”

<sup>30</sup> She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

**When you ask in faith — believing — you're not trying to twist God's arm. No!! .... Instead, you're stepping into what He already wants to do for you!**

**We prayed what some people have called THE LANGUAGE OF FAITH.**

Dear Father God, I'm not your BEGGAR. I'm your CHILD. So, I will pray today a prayer of THANKSGIVING. Thank you, Father, that you hear me. I'm praying with CONFIDENCE. That's why I BELIEVE that I RECEIVE when I ask. I'm going to pray to ALIGN myself to your WILL. Your WILL be done — I truly trust YOUR TIMING in this matter Father. And finally, Robyn and I pray in PEACE — Father WE REST knowing YOU'RE AT WORK!

**Philippians 4:6** — In everything, by prayer and supplication with THANKSGIVING, let your requests be made known unto God!