

You Will Receive
Matthew 7:7-10

Review:

1. We must present our requests to God in helpless, trusting humility, not demanding that we get our way
2. We must seek God's will in God's way, humbly admitting that we are helpless to find it for ourselves
3. We must knock, humbly desiring to be in God's presence more than we want any of God's gifts
4. Jesus is the Bread of Heaven, the Way to God, and the Door of the sheep, so we can be sure that He will keep His promises to us.

Go Further: Read James 3:13-4:10

1. What does James say in verse 13 that wise and understanding people should do?
2. In contrast, what does verse 14 say should not be in our hearts? What wrong things can these bad feelings lead us to do?
3. From where does verse 15 tell us that false wisdom comes?
4. What does verse 16 tell us are the characteristics of false wisdom?
5. In contrast how does verse 17 describe wisdom that is from above?
6. Verse 18 describes the possessors of true wisdom. What sort of fruit will they sow?
7. How will they try to live with one another?
8. What does 4:1 say is the ultimate source of wars and fights?
9. How does James describe the intentions and actions of such dissatisfied people?
10. Why does James say such people do not have what they desire?
11. In verse 3, why does James say that such people's prayers go unanswered? Even though they pray, where is the focus of their lives?
12. Where it comes to our loyalties, what choice does verse 4 place before us? What does James call people who are disloyal to God?
13. How does verse 5 describe the Spirit of God?
14. How does verse 6 contrast the way God treats proud and humble people?
15. How does verse 7 contrast the way we should respond to God and to Satan?
16. What promise does James give in verse 8 to those who draw near to God?
17. What does James urge sinners and double-minded people to do in verses 8 and 9?
18. What promise does James make to those who humble themselves before God?

Apply:

1. Given what James says about the importance of making peace with one another, how can you apply this in our increasingly polarized, partisan environment?
2. When James uses marital language, calling unfaithful believers "adulterers," and saying that God's spirit is "jealous," what does this tell us about the nature of our relationship with God?
3. Even though Christians have been saved by God's grace, why do you think it is still important for us to mourn our sins as James urges us to do in verse 9?
4. Having studied these words of Jesus and James, what changes do you need to make in your prayer life?