

# THE HEART TO LEARN

Opening your heart to reach untapped curiosity

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# INTRODUCTION

- One's curiosity and ability to learn are another aspect of their overall personality.
  - From a spiritual perspective, one's curiosity and learning about the Bible and spiritual matters are an aspect of their overall relationship with God.
  - Curiosity prepares the mind for learning and makes it more receptive.
  - Fear, apathy and indifference are the enemies of curiosity.
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# 1) ASK GOD FOR GOOD THINGS

## Matthew 7

<sup>7</sup> “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup> For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

<sup>9</sup> “Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? <sup>10</sup> Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake?

## 1 Corinthians 12:8-9

<sup>8</sup> To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit,

## 1 Kings 3:7-13

<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.

# 1) ASK GOD FOR GOOD THINGS

- If knowledge and wisdom are good things, do you ask God for them? How about asking God to increase your curiosity of spiritual matters?
  - Do you fear what God will do? There are some things to fear, but not unlike other gifts from God.
  - Like asking God for patience and God putting you in situations which demand patience.
  - Where do you have “holes” in your Biblical knowledge? What “dark corners” do you have in your faith?
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## 2) HONOR THE BODY OF CHRIST

### 1 Corinthians 12:21-26

<sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!” <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, <sup>24</sup>while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, <sup>25</sup>so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. <sup>26</sup>If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

- Unity comes from each part recognizing the needs and health of other parts, while dismissing them causes division.
- The curious and questioning are different kind of folks. They are fed spiritually in different ways than other types of Christians.

# CONCLUSION

## Hebrews 5:12-14

<sup>12</sup> In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! <sup>13</sup> Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. <sup>14</sup> But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

- Ask God for a heart to learn and for a curious mind this week!
- Crave solid food. Should you be a teacher by now?
- Honor the parts of the body of Christ which God has blessed with a thirst for knowledge.