

Hebrews 2:4

God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?

Believers should not be looking for miracles or seeking after signs and wonders; but miracles, signs and wonders should be following after believers. Jesus said, *“And these signs will follow those who believe:”* Mark 16:17a. And we can even add the end of today’s verse in this as well, which is *“according to His own will.”*

But we all at times seem to seek a sign from the Lord, and it’s not really a bad thing, but on the other hand, it’s not always really a good thing either. We know the definition of faith, which is:

✠ **Hebrews 11:1** *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*

And even though we know that *“faith is the evidence of things not seen.”* How often do we pray, *“God, show me a sign and I will believe.”*

But God tells us to have faith in *“things not seen”* So in a sense God is saying, *“Believe and I will show you a sign.”*

We wonder:

Should I give?

Should I do?

Should I go?

Should I say something or not say something?

Should I stay and wait or move forward?

God, show me a sign!

Paul tells us to *“Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;”*

Colossians 4:2 Yet how often do we “Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in looking for a sign.” Paul is not telling us not to ask or seek guidance from the Lord. But if we are telling, or even asking God to show us a sign, are we now telling God how to answer our prayers? It’s very likely that God wants to increase our faith *“faith is the evidence of things not seen.”* So if He shows us a sign like we are asking for, then where is our faith *“the evidence of things not seen”*?

Yes, we do read of men and women in the bible asking for a sign, but they are very far and few between. And I believe that when they did, it was the Holy Spirit prompting them to ask for a sign, not because of their unbelief. For the signs were to determine if this was really God speaking to them, or did they just eat a bad falafel for lunch that day.

So what should we do; when should we ask for a sign?

The bible has the answer, which is one we just read:

✠ **Colossians 4:2** *“Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;”*

Also to:

✠ **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18** *Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

Simply, pray. And when we read both verses, they say that it’s praying with thanksgiving or with thanks. Let’s not make it over complicated looking for signs and wonders. *“for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”*

When we read our last verse for today, see how Jesus told us to come to the Father, and this is simply to ask in prayer not asking for a sign when we pray, and when we simply ask, then God will answer in His way. I think a lot of times we don’t see God answering our prayers, because we are telling Him how to answer that prayer, and when we don’t see “Our solution” we assume God is not answering us. But if we simply just ask, bringing no solution or not asking for a sign, we will see God answering more of our prayers. And if you remove our equation from our prayers from the past, we could also see that God did answer our prayers. They were just answered His way, not our way, which if we are honest, His solution was way better than our solution, and God did not need to give us a sign to answer our prayer!

✠ **Luke 11:9-13** *"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. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If you then, being evil, 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!"*