

Matthew 20:32

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When you read today's verse in context of the entire story:

† **Matthew 20:30-34** *And behold, two blind men sitting by the road, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, saying, "Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David!" Then the multitude warned them that they should be quiet; but they cried out all the more, saying, "Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David!" So Jesus stood still and called them, and said, "What do you want Me to do for you?" They said to Him, "Lord, that our eyes may be opened." So Jesus had compassion and touched their eyes. And immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him.*

You may think, "What kind of a question is that?" since these guys are blind and it's obvious that they want to see. But I don't think it's a matter of Jesus not knowing this, but rather, I think the Lord simply likes to hear us ask Him or speak out our needs.

Sure, God is all knowing, and He knows our needs, yet Jesus still said, "*And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.*" **John 16:23-24** (underlined for emphasis)

"*Ask the Father*" Once again these are Jesus' words, not mine, and if Jesus tells us to ask, then shouldn't we ask? The bible is clear that God already knows our needs:

† **Matthew 6:8** *Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.*

Jesus is not telling us not to ask in this verse, because right after it is the example pray that Jesus gave, which includes: *Give us this day our daily bread. Matthew 6:11* and it's obvious that God knows that we need daily bread (Daily food) but still Jesus says to ask.

When Jesus was saying not to be like them, He was referring to, "*When you pray, don't babble on and on as people of other religions do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again.*" **Matthew 6:7** (NLT2)

Also, just because we ask doesn't mean that we will get everything we ask for, because we are not spoiled brats who gets everything we ask for. But God knows what we need, and honestly, we all know what we need as well, verse what we want.

So, simply spend more time with the Lord, talking to Him, which includes asking the obvious things that you need “*Give us this day our daily bread*”, and it’s also okay to ask for the “*good things*” that you want to “*that your joy may be full*”.

† **Matthew 7:11** *If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!*

† **John 16:23-24** *And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.*