

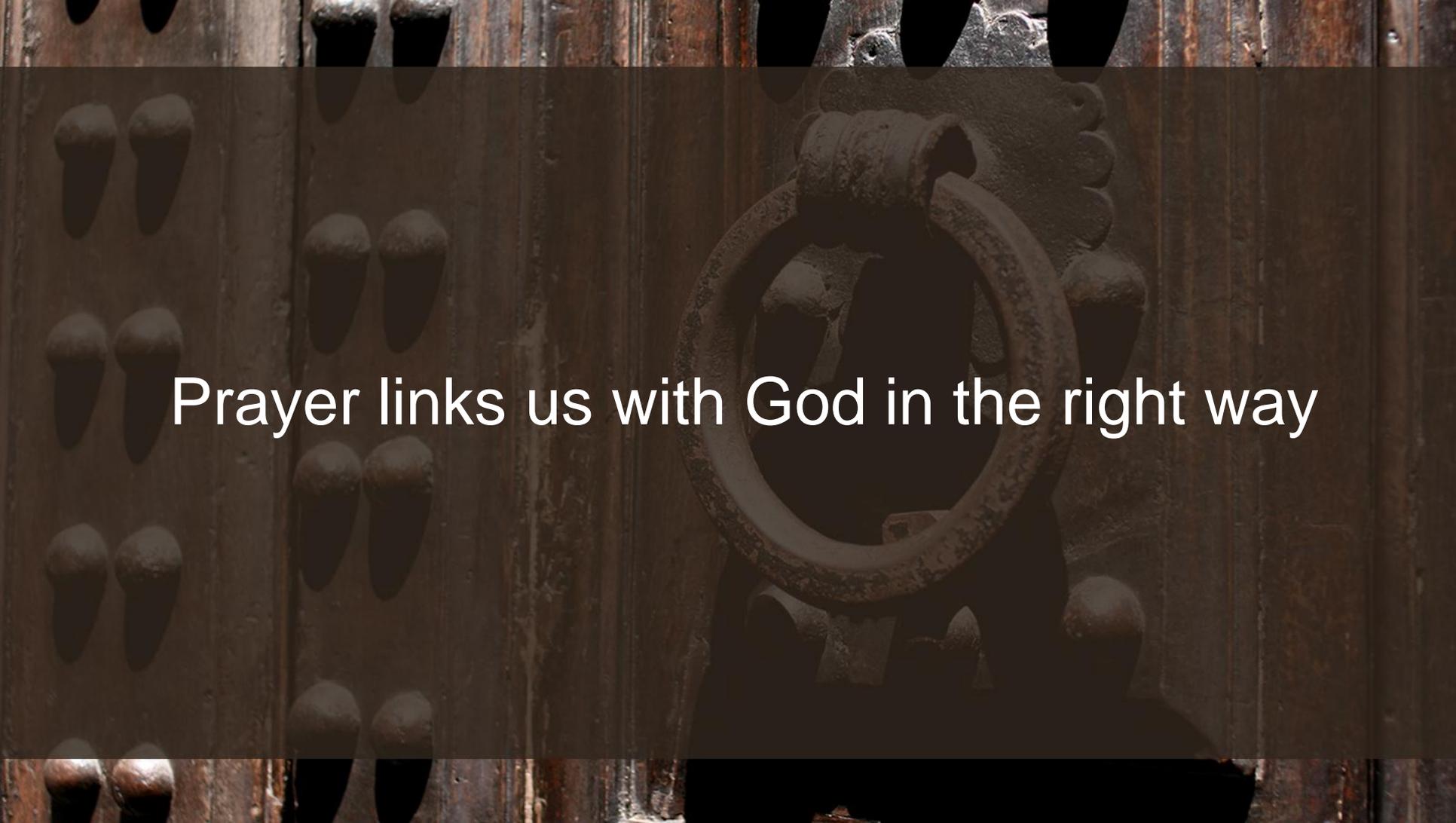
the **POWER**
of the **ASK**



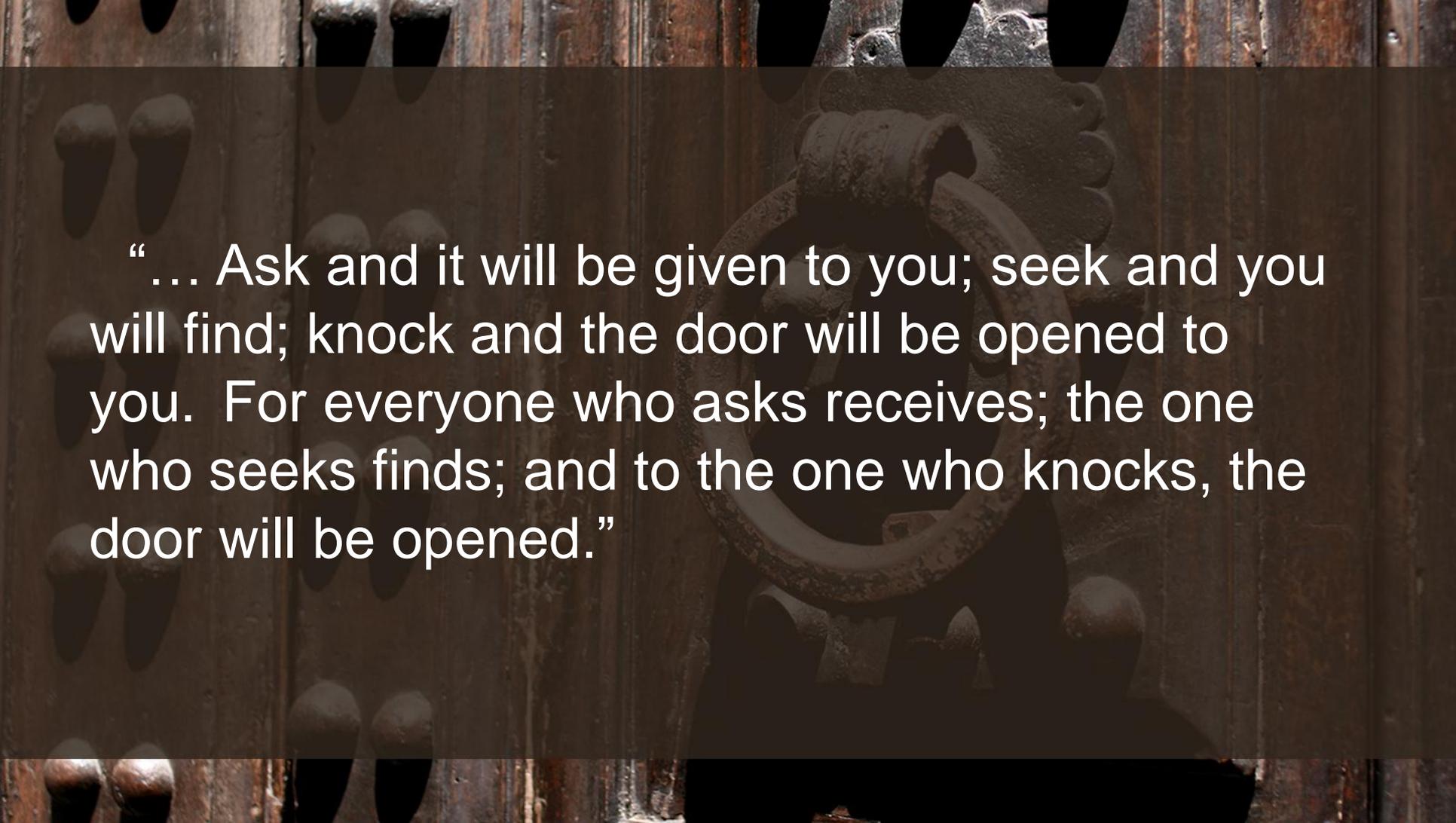
"I was in complete despair... In the privacy of my room, I begged for help. I had no notion who I thought I was talking to, I just knew that I had come to the end of my tether ... so I asked for help, and, getting down on my knees, I surrendered.

Within a few days I realized that ... I had found a place to turn to, a place I'd always known was there but never really wanted, or needed, to believe in. From that day until this, I have never failed to pray in the morning, on my knees, asking for help, and at night, to express gratitude for my life ... I choose to kneel because I feel I need to humble myself when I pray, and with my ego, this is the most I can do. If you are asking why I do all this, I will tell you ... because it works, as simple as that ... in some way, in some form, my God was always there, but now I have learned to talk to him."

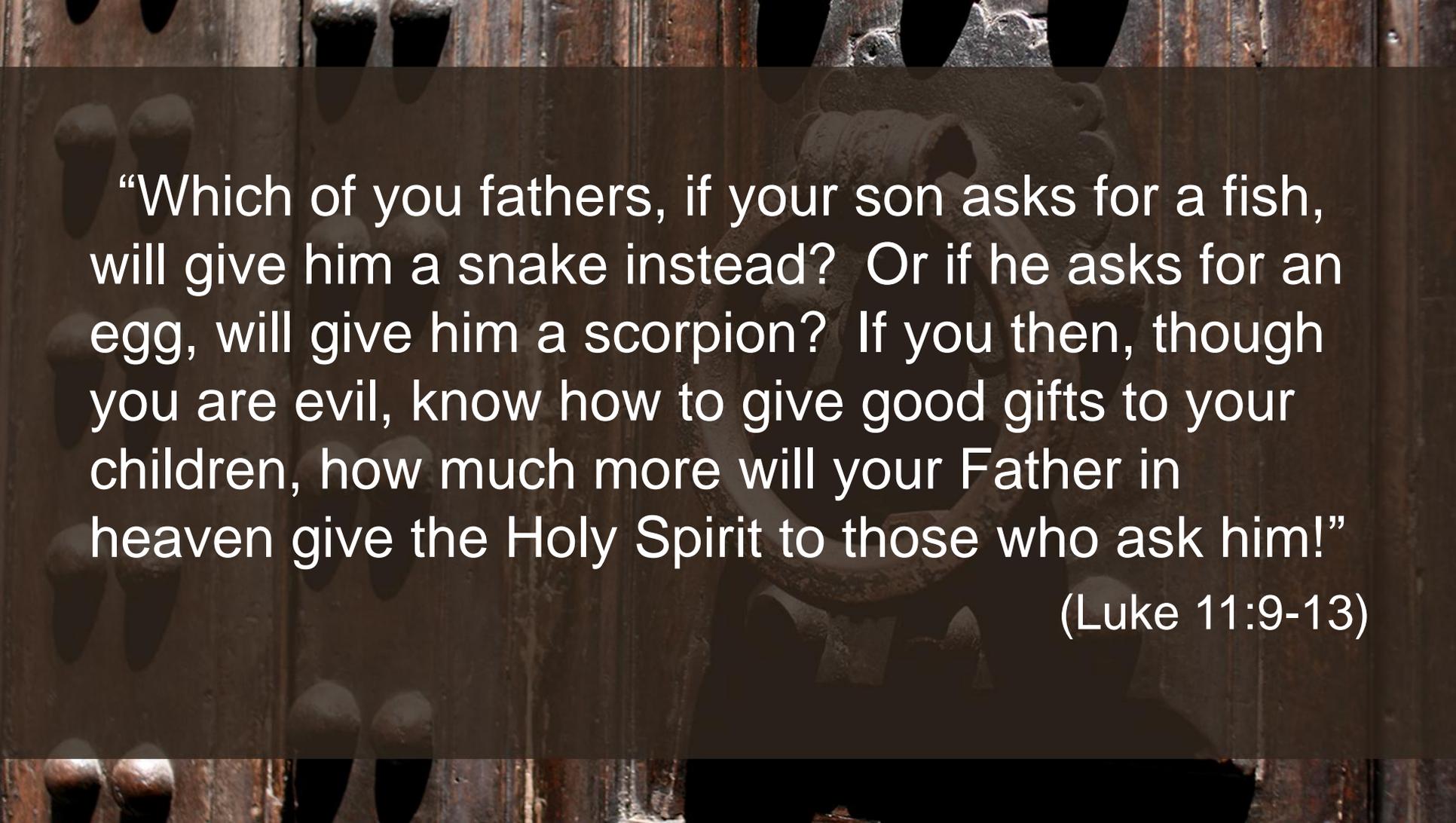
(Clapton: The Autobiography, 235)



Prayer links us with God in the right way

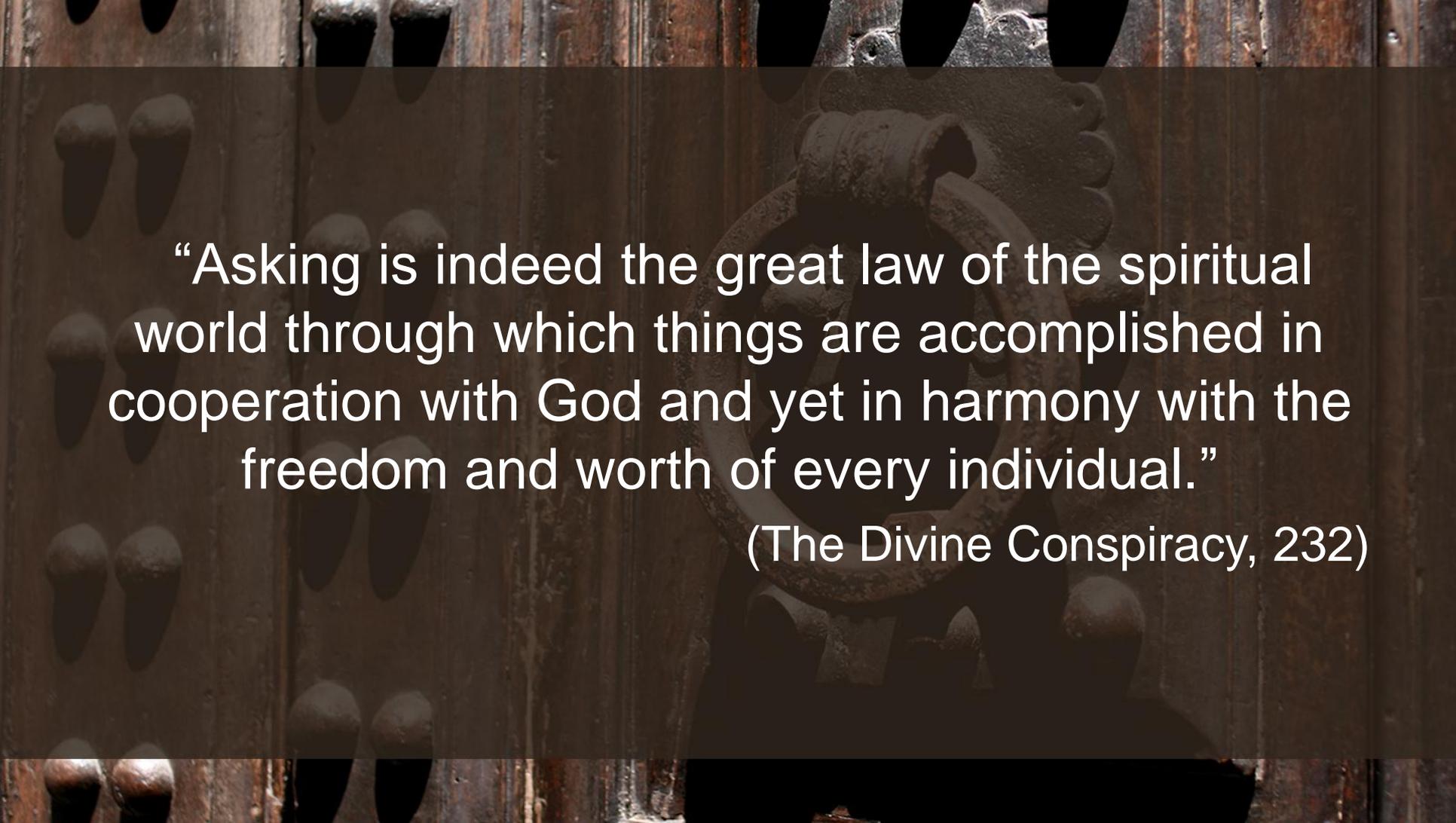


“... Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.”



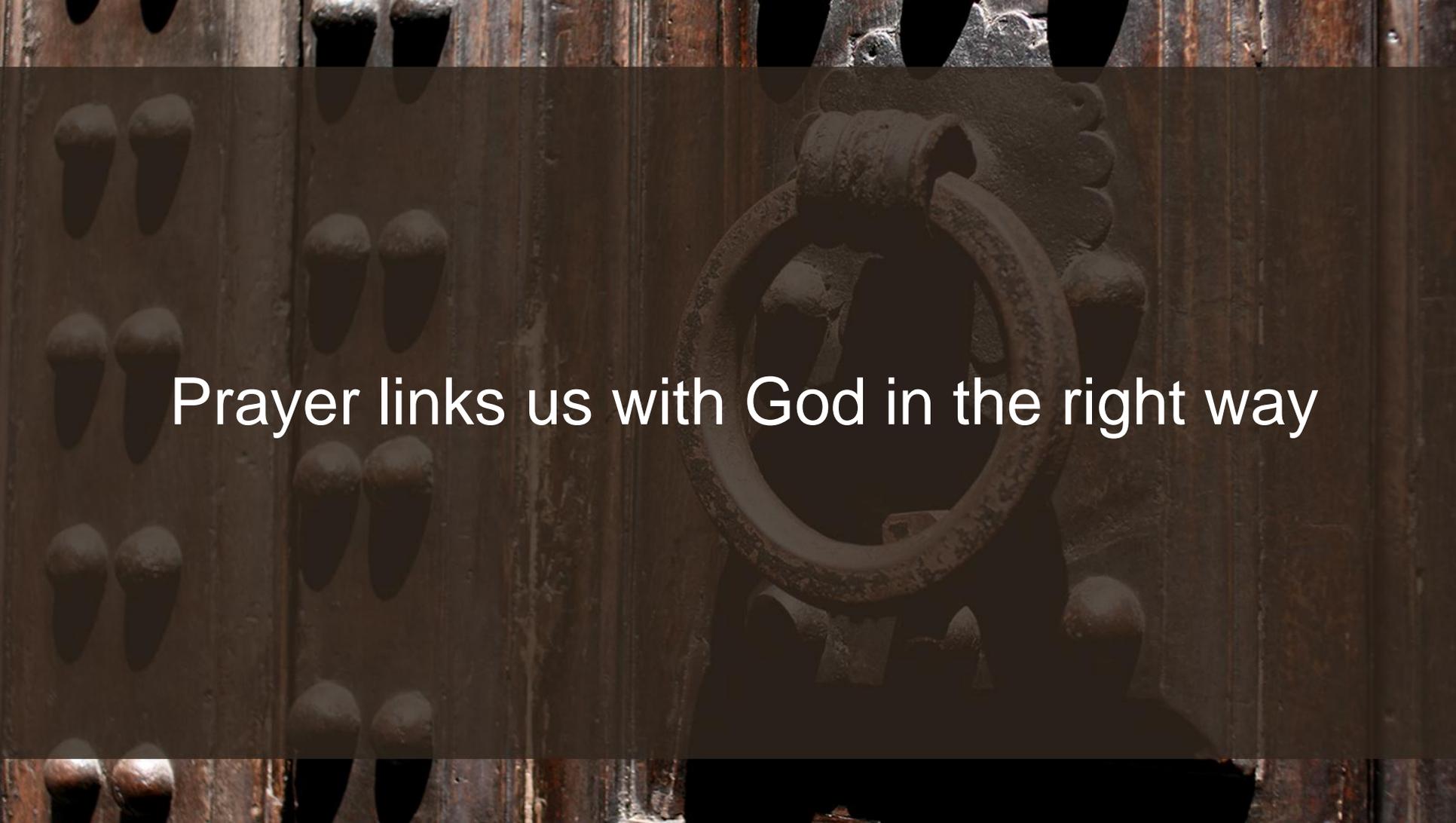
“Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

(Luke 11:9-13)

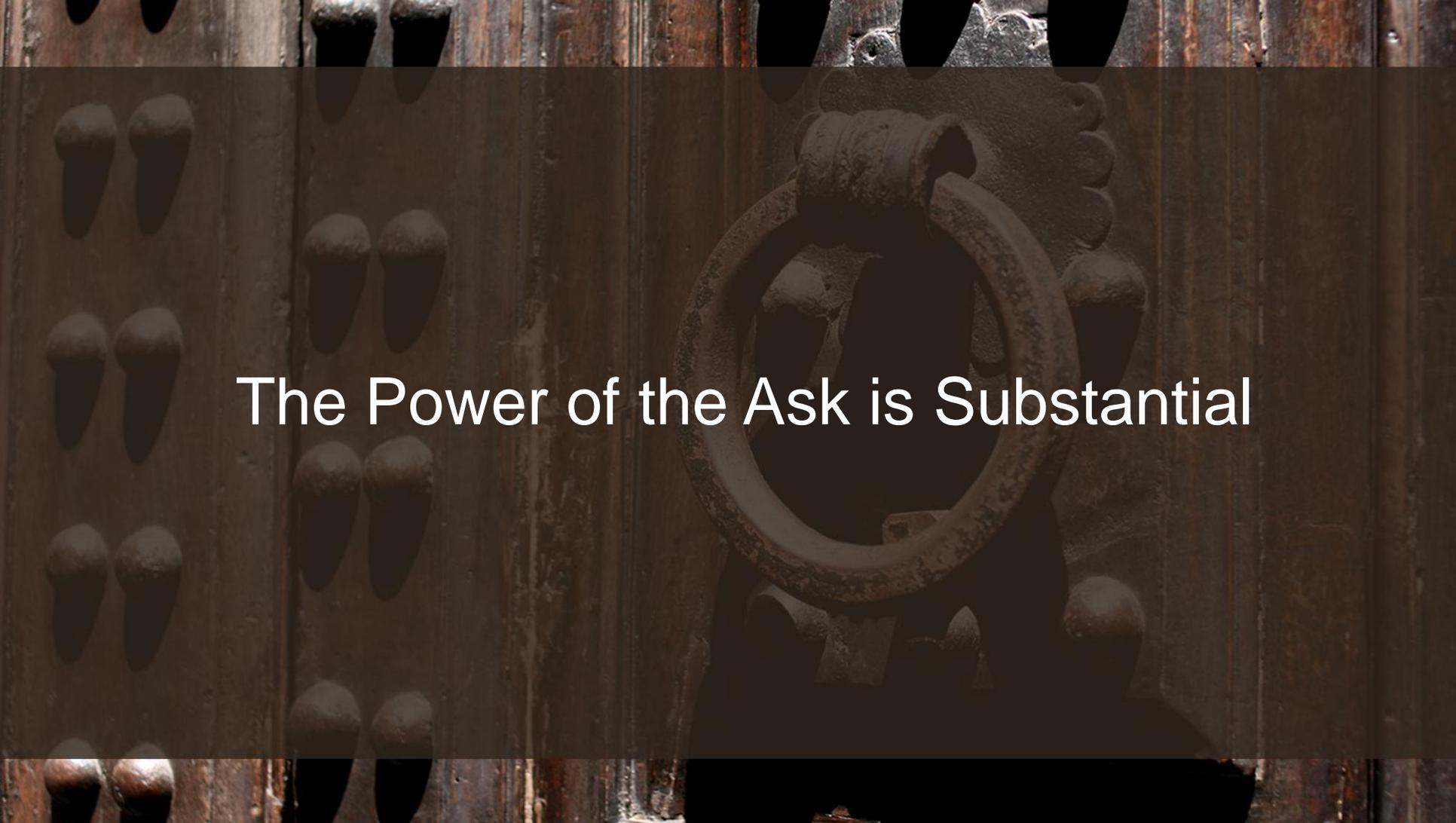


“Asking is indeed the great law of the spiritual world through which things are accomplished in cooperation with God and yet in harmony with the freedom and worth of every individual.”

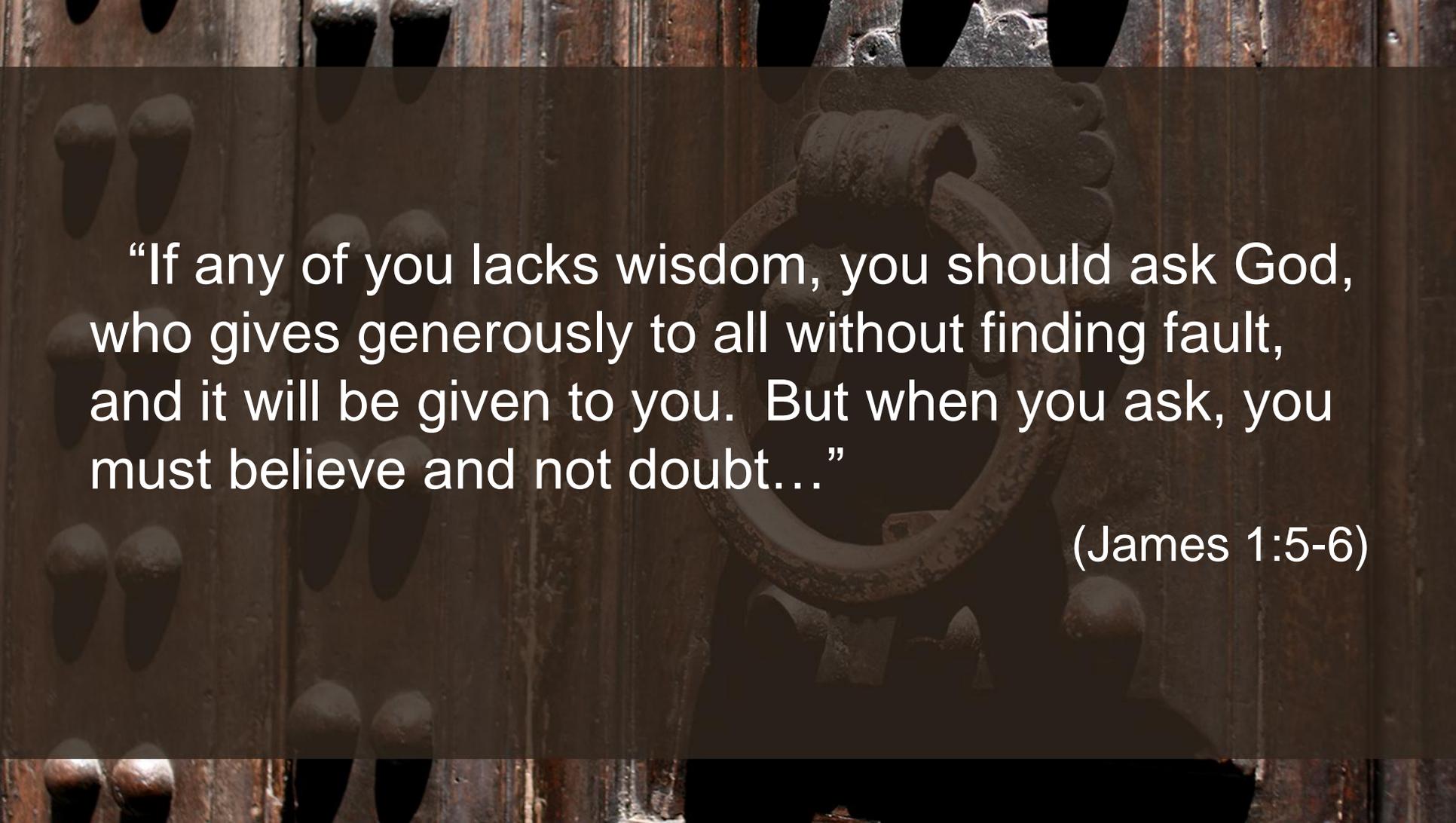
(The Divine Conspiracy, 232)



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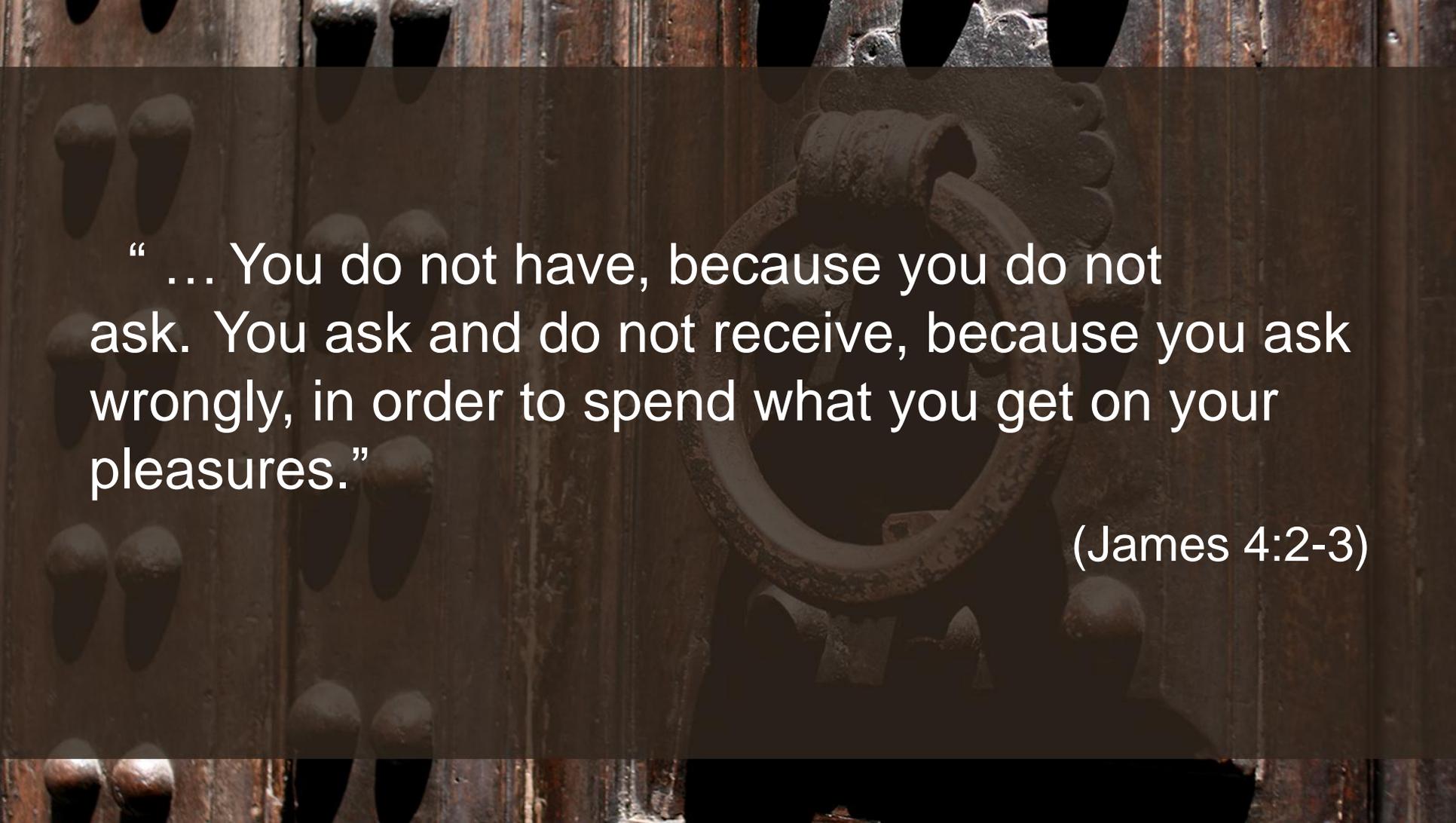


The Power of the Ask is Substantial



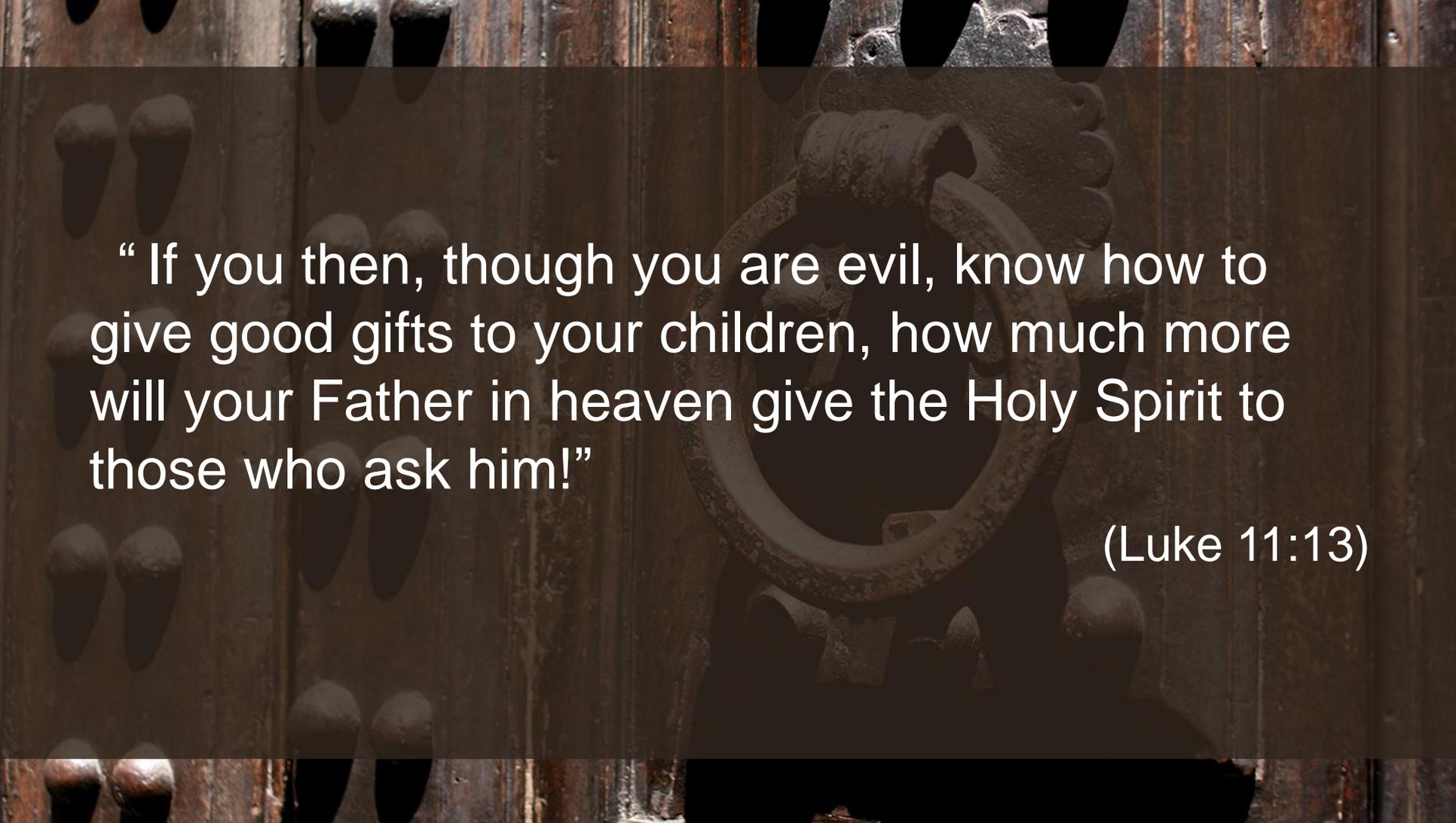
“If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt...”

(James 1:5-6)



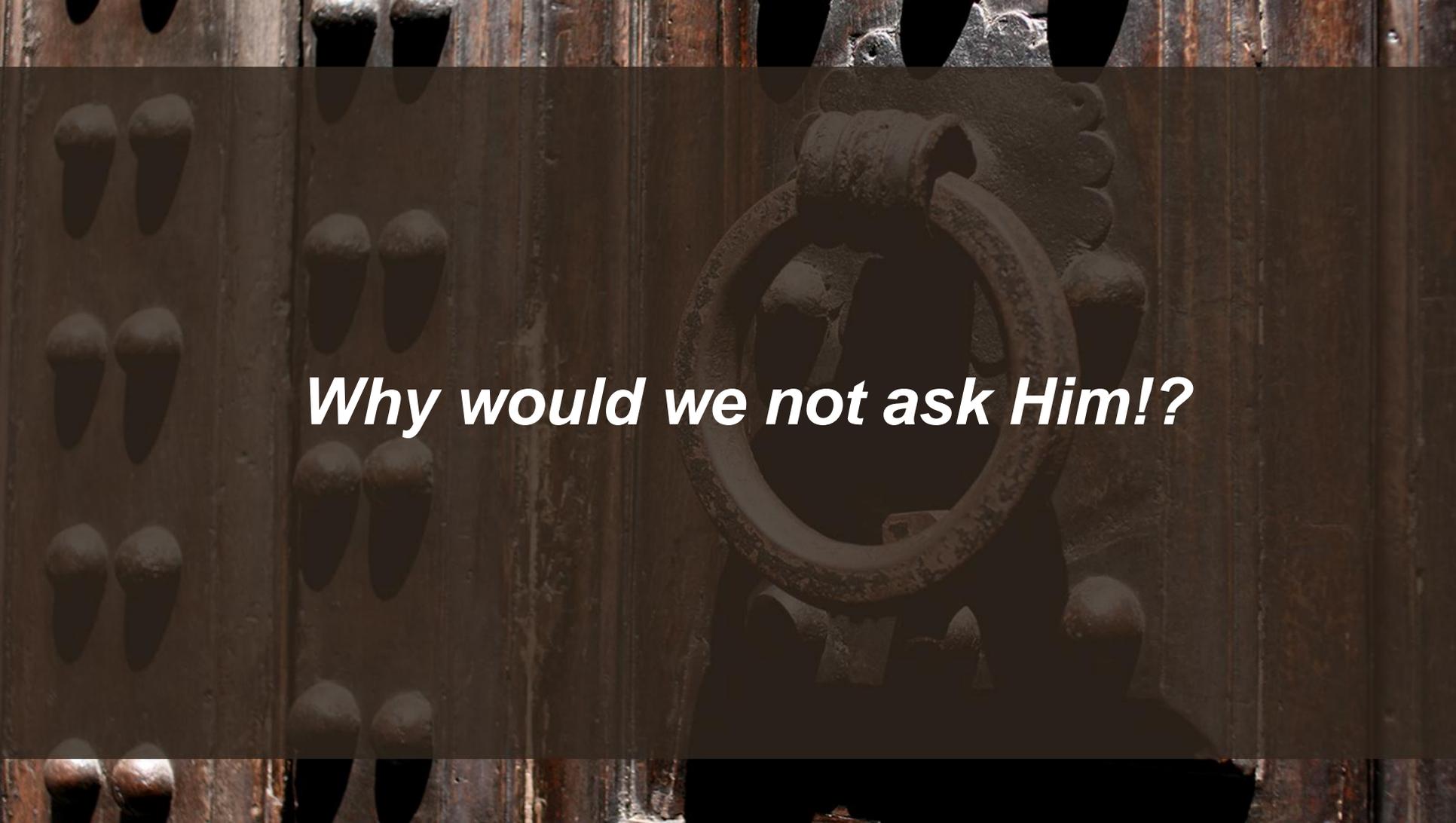
“ ... You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.”

(James 4:2-3)

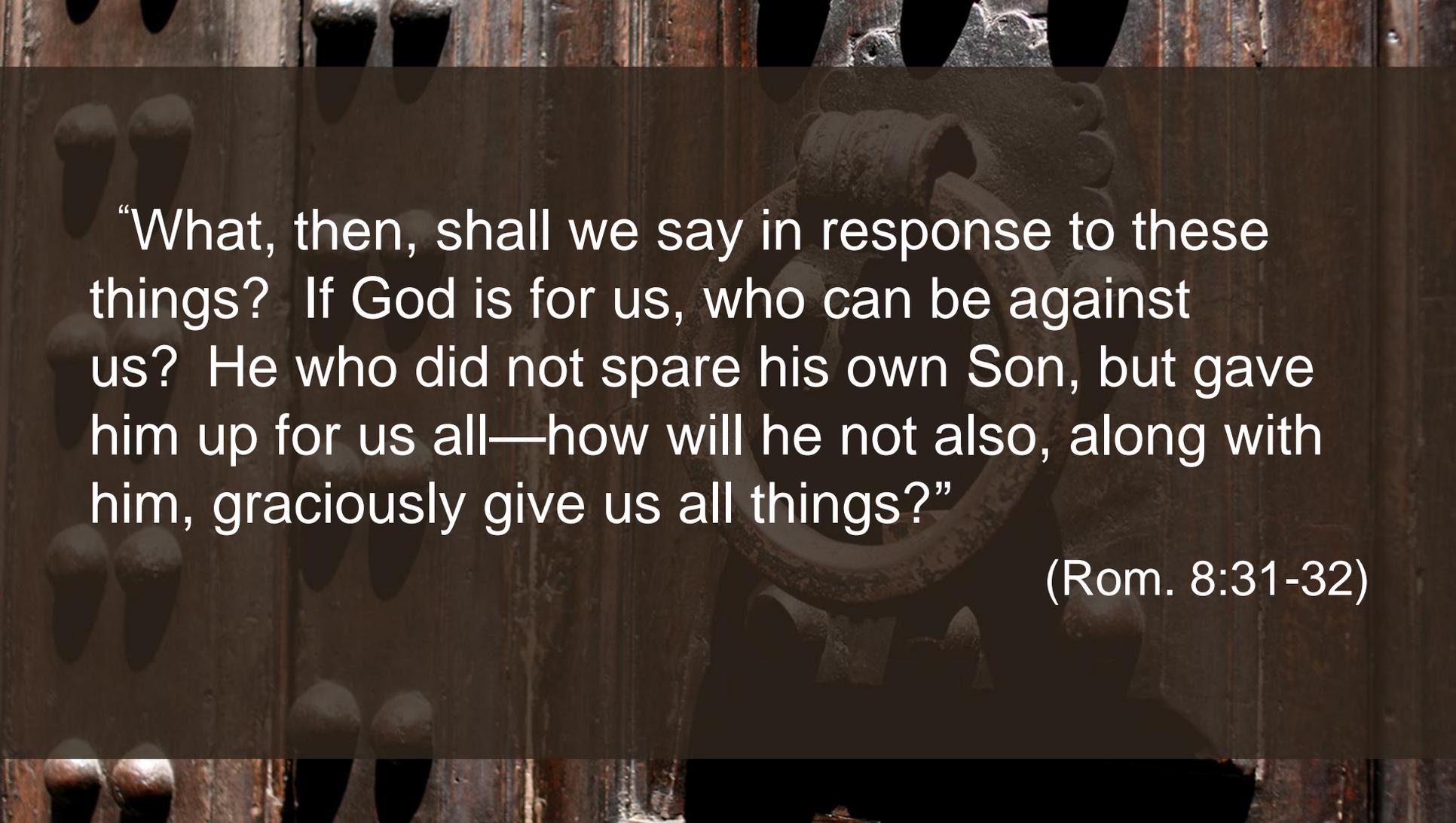
The background is a dark, textured surface, likely a wooden door with a large, ornate metal ring handle. The handle is circular with a decorative, scalloped top edge and a central knob. The wood grain is visible, and the overall lighting is dim, creating a somber and contemplative atmosphere.

“ If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

(Luke 11:13)



Why would we not ask Him!?



“What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?”

(Rom. 8:31-32)

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