

A \$50,000 Request

Among those who served in the court of Alexander the Great was a famous philosopher who had outstanding ability but little money. He asked Alexander for financial help, and was told he could draw whatever cash he needed from the imperial treasury.

When he submitted to the treasurer a request for an amount equal to \$50,000, he was promptly refused. The treasurer had to verify that such a large sum was, indeed, authorized. But when he asked Alexander, the ruler replied, "Pay the money at once. The philosopher has done me a singular honor. By the largeness of his request, he shows that he has understood both my wealth and generosity."

People who exercise great faith by asking God to provide for their needs demonstrate a similar understanding of His vast wealth and goodness. When we request help from God, asking according to His will, we are saying to Him that we trust Him and that we believe He will supply what is best from His boundless goodness. That kind of asking honors Him.

--Beecher Hunter