

# This is the Day...Wednesday

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## Could You Be More Specific Please?

*“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you...Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? 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 good gifts to those who ask him!”*  
(Matthew 7:7 & 9-10)

Growing up in a home with four children had its advantages and disadvantages. In our house, there was always something going on. Somebody was always playing a game. Somebody was always in trouble for breaking that new lamp or “do-dad” Mom had set on the table. Somebody was always working on homework or watching TV or listening to music. We lived in a very modest, two-bedroom house but we never lacked for anything and always had something exciting to do.

We had plenty of toys too. None of them were electronic and most of them required an imagination. But we didn't require much to keep us occupied. A bicycle and a basketball goal fulfilled most of our desires for toys. But, when birthday time came around for one of us, Mom always took the time to ask what gift we wanted. One particular year, my mom came to me in early December to get some ideas for my approaching birthday. At first, I did not know what to ask for and did not want to be too extravagant. So, I simply told Mom that I needed a new pair of tennis shoes. I was excited because I had been wanting a pair of “low-top” Chucks for a long time. For those who are not familiar with the term, Chucks are the canvas Converse tennis shoes that come in various colors. I could not wait to get my white Chucks with the red stripe. I would be the envy of the school.

On the day of my birthday, I could tell from the wrapped box that it was tennis shoes. When I tore into the box and opened it, I found a pair of black leather tennis shoes, with a big, fat heel on them. Mom could immediately tell that I was surprised and even disappointed. When I told her why, her response was, “I will get you anything you want but if you are going to ask for something, you need to always be specific!”

How unfortunate it is that we underestimate God's ability and willingness to give to us anything we ask. Instead of praying with the authority and confidence found in Christ as our intercessor, we timidly approach God with our needs. Instead of specifically asking for the low-top Chucks, we ambiguously ask for tennis shoes.

On this day which God has given you, keep in mind that the extravagance of your prayers will equal the extravagance of your blessings. God wants to give good gifts to His children and fulfill your heart's desire. Share the specific needs on your heart today. Be bold and specific and give God the opportunity to show His love for you as His child.