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7:8 For **everyone** who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

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4. Translate as many assets as possible into kingdom currency – **treasures in heaven**

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