

## The Question Of All Questions

Why? #1-5

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### Why ask why?

1. Because asking why **deepens my understanding**.

- The question of **why** is found over **500** times in the Bible.
- Jesus asked over **230 questions** in the gospels.

*My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, <sup>2</sup> turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding—<sup>3</sup> indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding,<sup>4</sup> and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure,<sup>5</sup> then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.*

**Proverbs 2:1-5 (NIV)**

2. Because asking why **reveals my motive**.

*All a person's ways seem pure to them, but motives are weighed by the Lord.*

**Proverbs 16:2 (NIV)**

*Our purpose is to please God, not people. He alone examines the motives of our hearts.*

**1 Thessalonians 2:4b (NLT)**

*When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."<sup>6</sup> Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves,<sup>7</sup> "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"<sup>8</sup> Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things?"*

**Mark 2:5-8 (NIV)**

- Am I asking to **justify**?
- Am I asking to **defend**?
- Am I asking to **find the truth**?

3. Because asking why **clarifies my purpose**.

*A discerning person keeps wisdom in view, but a fool's eyes wander to the ends of the earth.*

**Proverbs 17:24 (NIV)**

*I saw a man who has no family, not a son or even a brother. But he continues to work very hard. He is never satisfied with what he has. And he works so hard that he never stops and asks himself, "Why am I working so hard? Why don't I let myself enjoy my life?" This is also a very bad and senseless thing.*

**Ecclesiastes 4:8 (ERV)**

4. Because asking why **can motivate me**.

*"He who has a why to live for can bear almost any how."*

**Friedrich Nietzsche**

*The appetite of laborers works for them; their hunger drives them on.*

**Proverbs 16:26 (NIV)**

*those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.*

**Isaiah 40:31 (NIV)**