



***The Art of Asking Better Questions***  
*Pursuing Stronger Relationships, Healthier Leadership, and Deeper Faith*

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## Cultivating Wisdom, Curiosity, and Wonder

### What motivated you to write this book?

**J.R. Briggs:** There are few things in my life I am more passionate about than asking great questions—and teaching others to ask better questions. I've written, co-written, and contributed to 13 books, but *this book* is my work of passion.

### How would you summarize your book in one sentence?

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### What are the five main things you want readers to take away from your book?

**J.R.:**

1. The quality of your life is determined by the quality of the questions you ask God, yourself, and others.
2. There's not a single area of your life—not one—where improving the quality of the questions you ask won't improve the quality of your life and the lives of those around you.
3. We don't have a shortage of information; we have a shortage of wisdom, curiosity, and wonder. What's needed is the kindling of a desire for and ability to ask the right questions at the right time in the right situation for the right reason.
4. If we want information, Google it. But if what we're after is wisdom and connection, we need questions.
5. Jesus was a brilliant question-asker. In the Gospels, Jesus asked over 300 questions. He was asked over 180 questions—and yet he only directly answered five of them. There's much to be learned about what, when, where, and how he asked questions.

### What's unique about the structure of *The Art of Asking Better Questions*?

**J.R.:** The book is divided into four primary sections: 1.) Exploring why questions are so important (but why we Don't ask them very much), 2.) how questions impact our faith, 3.) leadership and the art of asking better questions, and 4.) ridiculously practical ways to ask better questions.



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