

The Vine Committee

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On 30th Dec, my department had a dinner at Jack's Place. Besides the steaks, fish & chips, lobsters, chicken and appetizers, they had 72 cans of beer. Actually 72 cans of beer is nothing to these guys but the cost of beer at this restaurant put them off

from drinking more. By chance, I was seated between two colleagues who had attended church before but no longer do so. Out of the blue, one of them said that he remembered that the Bible has a verse that went: "Ask and you shall receive." Immediately the second fellow said that he will believe if he ask and gets a million dollars.

Have you all come across the million dollar question? Well here is my answer to him: Two years ago about 500 people decided to rebuild a church which costs \$25 million. Today the church is built through God's provision of funds. We could not have done it without God's help.

There was no rebuttal and suddenly the first guy started singing 10,000 Reasons. He had drank about 4 cans of beer. To my embarrassment, I could not remember all the words of the song. I thought of telling this story during the Thanksgiving Service the next day but it wasn't a personal thanksgiving, it is an entire church's thanksgiving to God for His blessings of \$25 million. (PS. You can find more reasons why you do not receive the million dollars you ask for at this link: <https://www.gotquestions.org/ask-and-you-shall-receive.html>)



Pastor Andrew mentioned that if we are not grateful and do not count our blessings then we will not be thankful. After moving back to JCC, have you got more complaints or more thanks to God? Do you notice all the nitty gritty problems with the new building and thus not able to appreciate all the comforts and space that this new building provides? *If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand.* Mark 3:25

These days when I take the MRT, unfortunately I am given the reserved seat, that means I look like the reserved type (which I am). But I am thankful to those (usually Indian foreign workers) who surrender their seats to me.

Opportunity often comes disguised in the form of misfortune, or temporary defeat. - *Napoleon Hill*

Martin Cheah