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Requirements of a Receiver

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2. You must request help.

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3. You must expect an answer.

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4. You must recognize miracles are from God.

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2. Contributors pay attention to needs.

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5. Contributors possess something greater than themselves to give.

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