

#8 Ask God!

Luke 11:5-10

THE CONTEXT

Luke 11:1 Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."

THE PARABLE OF THE FRIEND AT MIDNIGHT

Luke 11:5 And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; ⁷ and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'?" ⁸ I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs."

The Art of Petitioning Prayer

1. Petitioning Prayer Involves **MAKING ASKS** of God.

PRAYING IS ASKING!

John 14:13 Whatever you **ask** in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you **ask me** anything in my name, I will do it.

John 15:7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, **ask whatever you wish**, and it will be done for you.

John 15:16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you **ask** the Father in my name, he may give it to you.

Mk 11:24 Therefore I tell you, whatever you **ask in prayer**, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

John 16:24 Until now you have asked nothing in my name. **Ask**, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

2. Petitioning Prayer Involves Asking God to Meet **OTHER PEOPLES' NEEDS**.

3. There is a Certain Kind of Asking that God is Especially **INCLINED TO ANSWER**.

- A. Based on **RELATIONSHIP** "Friend"
- B. Brimming with **CONFIDENCE** "Friend, lend me three loaves"
- C. Being **SPECIFIC** "three loaves"
- D. Bent on **BLESSING** Others "a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him"
- E. Boldly, Shamelessly **PERSISTENT**: "because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs"

4. Jesus Promised that Persistent Petitioners will be **REWARDED**.

Luke 11:9 And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

- A. This promise was given to disciples.
- B. This promise contains a condition.

MY MAIN PRAYER BURDEN IS THAT GOD WOULD:

Keep Asking! Keep Seeking! Keep Knocking!