



#6 Asking & Receiving

Matthew 7:7-11

GOOD GIFTS!

Matthew 7:7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ⁹ Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? ¹¹ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!"

ENCOURAGEMENTS TO PRAY

1. **REPEATED INVITATIONS:** *Jesus really does want us to pray!*
2. **MULTIPLE PROMISES:** *The Father really does want to respond!*
3. **ALWAYS ACCESSIBLE:** *No matter how near or far away God seems to be, you can approach Him in prayer!*
4. **NO DISTINCTIONS:** *No matter who you are, if God is Your Father then you can pray to Him!*
5. **THE BEST DAD:** *No matter how good or bad your earthly father was, God is infinitely better!*
6. **HIS GENEROUS HEART:** *If even 'evil dads' on earth give their kids at least some good gifts, how much more will our perfect heavenly Father always give good gifts to His kids!*

- A. Soul Satisfaction - 6:1-6
- B. The Reward of a Deeper Experience of God - 6:1-6, 16-18
- C. Provision of True Needs – 6:7-10
- D. Daily Bread, Forgiveness, Direction, Deliverance - 6:11-15
- E. Single-Hearted Devotion to One Master - 6:19-24
- F. Freedom from Anxiety; Provision of Contentment - 6:25-34
- G. His Righteousness! - 6:33
- H. Freedom from Feeling Superior to Others - 7:1-5
- I. Discernment in Decisions - 7:6
- J. Grace to Find the Narrow Way - 7:13-14
- K. Discernment regarding Evil Influences - 7:15-20
- L. Assurance of Genuine Salvation - 7:21-23
- M. Strength to Obey Christ - 7:24-25

James 1:17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

How About You?

What "good gift" has God already provided that you need to praise Him for?

What "good gift" that you have not yet received is He calling you to keep asking Him for?

BIBLE READING PLAN

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday: Zephaniah 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday: Ecclesiastes 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday: Ecclesiastes 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday: Ecclesiastes 5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday: Ecclesiastes 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday: Ecclesiastes 6 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday: Ecclesiastes 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday: Ecclesiastes 7 |

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