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### **Prayer: Keep On Asking**

**Luke 11:5-13** - Then, teaching them more about prayer, he used this story: “Suppose you went to a friend’s house at midnight, wanting to borrow three loaves of bread. You say to him, <sup>6</sup> ‘A friend of mine has just arrived for a visit, and I have nothing for him to eat.’ <sup>7</sup> And suppose he calls out from his bedroom, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is locked for the night, and my family and I are all in bed. I can’t help you.’ <sup>8</sup> But I tell you this—though he won’t do it for friendship’s sake, if you keep knocking long enough, he will get up and give you whatever you need because of your shameless persistence. <sup>9</sup> “And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup> “You fathers—if your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead? <sup>12</sup> Or if they ask for an egg, do you give them a scorpion? Of course not! <sup>13</sup> So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.”

- **Christ Followers Should Continue To Pray Believing God Is Ready To Give**

**Hebrews 4:16** - So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.

- **It Was Fearlessness That Initiated Generosity At Midnight**
- **Courageous Prayer Moves Us Away From Passivity And Into Active Involvement**
- **Diligence In Prayer Helps Us To See God’s Work.**

**Jeremiah 29:13** - If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me.

**Strong-Willed Prayer Allows Us To:**

1. **Connect With God.**
2. **Discover What God Wants From Us.**
3. **Gain The Strength To Do It.**

**James 1:17** - *Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow.*

- **He's A Loving Father Who Cares For Us, And Is Willing To Give His Best**
  
- 1. **Most Good Gifts Aren't Given Right Away.**
- 2. **God Knows Best When To Give His Gifts.**
- 3. **We Often Learn A Lot Asking God For Things.**

**2 Corinthians 1:22** - *he has identified us as his own by placing the Holy Spirit in our hearts as the first installment that guarantees everything he has promised us.*