

Matthew's Gospel "The Sermon On The Mount"
"Ask, Seek, Knock"
Matthew 7:7-11
Part 38

We will look at 2 areas in our study:

1. Verses – 7-8 Pray With Persistence:
2. Verses – 9-11 Pray With Confidence:

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Matthew 7:1-20 The Christian and Relationships.

Matthew 7:1-5 Jesus spoke Christians judging Christians

Matthew 7:6 Jesus speaks about the Christian's encounter with difficult people

Matthew 5-7 A Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 5:1-2 Jesus is addressing the sermon to, Disciples - those who were Christians, "followers of the teacher and the teaching."

Not only is it knowing Jesus Christ but it is being in right relationship with Him. Proverbs 28:9

Isaiah 1:15

Sin Hampers Prayer: Isaiah 59:1-2

Psalms 66:18

Unforgiveness Hampers Prayer: Mark 11:25-26

Not Loving Your Wife Hampers Prayer: 1 Peter 3:7

Selfishness Hampers Prayer: James 4:1-3

1 John 3:22

James 1:5

Ask - "Ask, and it shall be given to you; in the Greek this is in the present imperative, which means not only to ask God, but "keep on asking God" The word used for asking speaks of humility as the word was used of one asking a superior.

Seek – seek, and you shall find; Greek is in the present imperative, which means to "keep on seeking Him" The idea of getting up looking around.

Colossians 4:2

Knock – knock, and it shall be opened to you. Greek is in the present imperative, which means "keep on knocking, coming to Him" The idea of asking plus persevering like someone who keeps pounding on a door.

Revelation 3:20

Revelation 3:8

Be Persistent: Luke 11:5-8

Luke 11:9

Be Consistent don't Give Up: Luke 18:1-8

Matthew 7:8

Four things to keep in mind as we Ask, Seek, and Knock:

1. We come only on the basis of Sonship as a Child of God:
2. We come humbly: Hebrews 4:16 let us come boldly to the throne of grace, That word boldly - means, "plainness of speech, not bossy, not demanding"
3. We come in great need, insufficient within ourselves:
4. We must come in Persistence:

2. Verses – 9-11 Pray With Confidence:

Matthew 7:9-10

Matthew 7:11

Ephesians 2:1-3

Luke 11:13

Romans 8:26-27

Application:

God's way of answering our requests:

1. Direct Answer
2. Delayed Answer
3. Different Answer
4. Denial as an Answer

