



## **Ask! Seek! Knock!** **A Study of Matthew 7:7-11**

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"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup>For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

<sup>9</sup>"Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? <sup>10</sup>Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? <sup>11</sup>If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!"

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"R \_\_\_\_\_"

**God calls on you to call on him, so respond.**

**1 Samuel 12:23 (HCSB),** "I vow that I will not sin against the Lord by ceasing to pray."

A prayerless life is a sin against

- the *person* of God
- the *plan* of God
- the *pleasure* of God
- the *promises* of God
- the *power* of God
- the *provision* of God

“C \_\_\_\_\_”

**As long as you need God's resources,  
keep asking for them.**

**Luke 18:1 (NIV)**, “Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.”

**1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NIV)**, “Pray continually.”

“A \_\_\_\_\_”

**Know and express your desperation.**

“W \_\_\_\_\_”

**Look for God's activity in your life,  
because he answers prayer.**

**Isaiah 49:15 (NIV):**

Can a mother forget the baby at her breast  
and have no compassion  
on the child she has borne?  
Though she may forget,  
I will not forget you!

**Matthew 7:11 (NIV)**, “If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!”