

The Disciple's Confidence

Matthew 7:7-11

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? 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!

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Observations

Prayer assumes two things:

- 1) God is _____.
- 2) God is _____ to _____.

Asking is the posture of one who is _____ and aware of their _____. Receiving means that we will be _____.

Seeking suggests the knowledge that what _____ is only found in the _____ of God. Finding suggests that we will discover that which _____.

Knocking reminds us that prayer is _____, _____
_____. It may require _____, but that is matched by
_____ that our Father will provide whatever is _____
_____ according to His sovereign, gracious will. When the
door opens, we are greeted with _____ and _____.

Prayer to a loving Father is _____. The point is not that
human persistence wins out in the end, but that the heavenly
Father who loves his children will _____ their
_____.

Application

The greatest waste of the pain we've known in 2020 will be that
we didn't _____ in our _____.

Ask with _____.

Seek with _____.

Knock with _____.

I'd love to know how I can help you take the next step in your
journey of faith. If you are looking for community or a
supportive and prayerful family, text the word "Connect" to
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