

Ask, Seek, Knock

Week 1

"This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'"

[Matthew 6:9-13]

"Truly, I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them."

[Mark 11:23]

1. Ask God To Work In Our Lives

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

[Matthew 7:7]

"For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

[Matthew 7:8]

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"God is more anxious to hear your prayer than we are to hear His answer."

"For everyone who asks, receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

[Matthew 7:8]

2. Ask Believingly

"If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."

[Matthew 21:22]

"And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me anything in my name, and I will do it."
[John 14:13-14]

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last— and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you."
[John 15:16]

"Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name."
[John 16:23]

"At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps and punish those who are complacent, who are like wine left on its dregs, who think, 'The Lord will do nothing, either good or bad.'"
[Zephaniah 1:12]

Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance, but laying hold of His willingness.

"Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? 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!"
[Matthew 7:9-11]

3. Ask Relationally

"Prayer is not about a formula, it's about a Father."

Takeaways:
Personally
Specifically
Persistently

"You may not always know what God is up to, but when you pray, you know He's up to something."