

# **Prayer and the Golden Rule**

## **Matthew 7:7-12**



### **Sermon on the Mount**

### **Extra-ordinary Kingdom Life**

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## Matthew 5-7

### Extraordinary Kingdom Living

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*Be Salt and Light – Go Share it!*
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*Choose! Two paths/gates, two trees,  
two claims, two foundations.*



# Sermon on the Mount

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## **Matthew 7:7-12 Prayer and the Golden Rule**

***7 'Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. 9 'Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? 11 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! 12 So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.***

# **Keep On Asking,** **Seeking, Knocking**

*<sup>7</sup> Ask and it will be given to you;  
seek and you will find;  
knock and the door will be opened to you.*

**Pray Persistent and  
Expectant Prayer**

*God promises to  
answer all our prayers*



## **It's for Everyone**

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

**Ask in every way,  
anytime we need Him**

***Not because of how we pray or  
who we are, or how hard we try.***

**It is all about God who is  
willing to hear and answer.**



# **The Abiding Principle**

*We are to be in close  
prayerful dependent  
relationships with God.*



**Be dependent on HIM**

**God is sovereign, He knows best!**



# An Exhortation to be Bold

## Right view of God and Ourselves



God is a '*God of Willingness*'

Not a '*God of Reluctant*'



**He is our Father in Heaven  
who feeds his children well**

*<sup>9</sup> 'Which of you, if your son asks  
for bread, will give him a stone?*

*<sup>10</sup> Or if he asks for a fish,  
will give him a snake?*

**A persistent childlike trust in God**

**Take Delight in who He is!**



**He is our Father**

**The God of the How Much More!**

***<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!***

**He gives good gifts to His children**

**Luke 11:13**

**He gives us the Holy Spirit and  
Whole parcel of gifts with Him**







**Prayer is about  
Finding God  
Not Using God**

***Prayer brings us  
home to God***

**Come into His Presence  
with boldness and pray!**



# **The Golden Rule**

*<sup>12</sup> So in everything,  
do to others what you would  
have them do to you,*

**All-embracing Generous  
and Active Sacrificial love  
Vs. Passive Self-love**

***“In Everything”***

**LOVE!**



# **The Golden Rule**

*for this sums up  
the Law and the Prophets.*

## **The Great Commandments of Love**

**Matthew 22:39...*Love others as you love yourself***

**Guided and Empowered by Divine Love**

**Love God and  
Obey Him!**



**Our Life Focus is on the  
Love Relationship with God**

*The Christian perfection God calls us  
to is not perfection in task  
but the perfection in love.*

**By His Grace through the Holy Spirit in Prayer**







# **Holy Lighters**

***“Be the Salt & Light”***

***Build His Kingdom***

***Pray!***

***Love God and Others***