

Prayer Promises - Luke 11:9-13 (Part 1)

9: And I say unto you, "Ask and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you.

10: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Seek...knocketh - The Greek verb means "continuously".

Christ is encouraging us to commit ourselves to consistent and fervent prayer (Jeremiah 33:3). We often come to God when we are in need but we also need to be intercessors for others. We come to Him because He is the "resurrection and the life" (John 11:25&26).

God doesn't always answer our prayers as rapidly as we want Him to but He WILL answer us at the appropriate time - if we continue in prayer.

We are to ask for the Holy Spirit's empowerment for: [a] Guidance as we pray (Romans 8:26&27); [b] Power in serving (Acts 1:8); [c] Worship and praise (John 4:23&24); [d] Peaceful (John 14:27) and joyful (John 15:11, 16:24) lives; [e] Repentance of sin; [e] True love producing intimacy.

11: If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?

12: Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

Our Heavenly Father is more ready to grant blessings (Ephesians 1:3) to everyone that asks for them as loving parents feed their children.

****NOTE**** Healthy food is necessary though children typically want sweets.

13: If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him"?

God delights in answering our prayers. We are admonished to properly pray (Ephesians 5:18, James 4:3), especially for the lost to come to Christ (II Corinthians 5:18-21).

Conclusion: The prayer of faith quiets and strengthens us in this sinful, depraved world (John 14:27, 16:33). We cannot bear fruit apart from Him (John 15:4, 7&8).