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Praying that Gets Results

Matthew 7:7-11

Prayer is as old as humankind, as universal as religion and as instinctive as breathing. Prayer is humankind's A_____ of a Being higher than himself.

Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, had a lot to say about prayer.

Prayer was one of His favorite topics – this is evident because of the frequency of His teaching on the subject.

In our text, Jesus was preaching His famous Sermon on the Mount.

Earlier in the sermon, He taught his disciples how to pray when He shared with them the Model Prayer.

Now in our text, He teaches a more advanced lesson on prayer.

I. Keep on Asking (V7a)

The tense of this statement is present tense. It carries with it the idea of a C_____ process.

Now this kind of prayer is when you K_____ the will of God regarding a need.

1. You must ask

Throughout the New Testament, we hear God saying to His children, *“If you want something, ask for it.”* (Matthew 18:19; James 4:2)

2. You Must Have the Right A_____

The word “ask” implies that the attitude of the petitioner recognizes that the person whom he asks is G_____ than himself/herself.

Metaphorically, it carries the idea of a child asking something from his/her parents or a servant asking something from a king.

- When we pray, we are acknowledging that we are totally D_____ on God to P_____ for us.

A child believes his/her parents will give him/her what he/she wants.

A child is S_____ with his/her parents.

II. Keep on Seeking

How should we pray when we don't know God's will concerning a need?

Jesus gives us the answer in verse 7b when He says, “*seek, and you will find.*”

The word “**seek**” = having the desire to find out the M_____ of something.
The words “**will find**” = to find or D_____ something as the result of a previous search.

It is possible to be very close to God and still not know for sure what His will is for you concerning some of your desires.

“Don’t make decisions for your life until you find out God’s will for your life, because the safest and most D_____ place you can ever be is in the perfect will of God! (1 John 5:14; Jeremiah 29:13).

III. Keep on Knocking

Jesus said verse 7c, “*knock, and it will be opened to you.*”

When Jesus said, “**Knock,**” He was speaking metaphorically of a person knocking at a door who knows that someone is inside the house.

The word “knock” = present imperative tense = to be persistent in dealing with God. (Luke 18:3)
Knocking prayer is M_____ prayer... PUSH ...

III. Keep on Believing God Will Answer Your Prayer (v 8)

Jesus illustrated this in verses 9-11.

The point makes is that God is more willing to answer our prayers than we think.