

## 40 Days of Prayer – Persistence

Luke 11:5-13 Then He said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and goes to him at midnight and says to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves; 6 for a friend of mine has come to me from a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; 7 and from inside he answers and says, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been shut and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up and give you *anything*.’ 8 “I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him *anything* because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will get up and give him as much as he needs. 9 “So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 10 “For everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it will be opened. 11 “Now suppose one of you fathers is asked by his son for a fish; he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he? 12 “Or *if* he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he? 13 “If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?”

Key Verse: Jeremiah 29:13 “You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”

### 1. God is \_\_\_\_\_ to answer our prayers.

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James 1:17 Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.

Psalm 84:11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD gives grace and glory; no good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.

### 2. God wants us to \_\_\_\_\_ in our prayers.

Luke 11:8 “I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him *anything* because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

- The word translated “persistence” can also mean shamelessness.

- We recognize God’s \_\_\_\_\_.

Matthew 28:18 “And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.”

- We admit our \_\_\_\_\_.

John 15:5 “Apart from Me, you can do nothing.”

- **We accept God’s \_\_\_\_\_.**

Luke 11:9 So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

- I can’t but God can.

2 Corinthians 3:5 Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God.

### 3. **Persistent praying brings \_\_\_\_\_.**

Luke 11:9-10 So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.<sup>10</sup> “For everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it will be opened.

- **Persistent prayer \_\_\_\_\_.**

“Persistent prayer changes things, but the greatest thing it changes is me.”

Romans 8:29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren.

- **Persistent prayer \_\_\_\_\_.**

John 15:4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither *can* you unless you abide in Me.

What burden do you have about which you need to be persistent in prayer?