



ASKING

ARE YOU AFRAID TO ASK?

“FOR EVERYONE THAT ASKETH RECEIVETH”

What is your attitude toward prayer? Is it simply routine before/after meals? Is it a “my will” petition? Are you afraid to ask in prayer or might you be afraid of the outcome?

THE REQUEST

1. What did the disciples realize they needed to learn? (Luke 11:1)
 - What prompted the question?
2. What example did Jesus give them? (11:2-4)
 - How often do you say this prayer at home?
3. What comparison did Jesus give following the prayer? (11:5-8)

4. Why was the man’s request finally answered? (11:8)
5. Fill in Jesus’ conclusion to this teaching: (11:9-10)
6. What was a 2nd comparison Jesus gave to approaching the Father in prayer? (11:11)



“Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.”

• Fill in what Jesus then asked would not be given the son if he asked for...

- A) Bread? _____
- B) A fish? _____
- C) An egg? _____

- What did you notice?
7. What was Jesus’ conclusion? (11:13)

F.Y.I. CORNER

1. **IMPORTUNITY** - (Gr. 335) *only used once in the Bible; impudence, boldness, shamelessness.*
2. **AVENGE** - (Gr. 1556) *to vindicate, retaliate, punish.*
3. **FAINT** - (Gr. 1573) *to be weak; to fail (in heart); to be weary.*

VERSE of the WEEK

“And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father my be glorified in the Son.
If ye ask anything in my name, I will do it.”
- John 14:13-14

“MEN OUGHT ALWAYS TO PRAY, AND NOT TO FAINT”

If the disciples asked the Lord to teach them about prayer, how much more do we need to learn?

BASIC PRINCIPLES

I. Matthew 6:7-8

- A. How is the prayer of the heathen described?
 - 1) Vain
 - 2) Heard for their...

• How does this compare to a person praying for an audience?

- B. What should we remember when we enter into prayer? (vs. 8)

II. Luke 18:1-8

- A. If God knows what we will pray, do we still need to pray? (vs. 1; II Cor. 4: 16)

- B. Why did the unjust judge answer the re-

quest of the widow? (vs. 5)

- C. What did Christ conclude? (vs. 7)
“Shall not God avenge his _____, which cry day and night unto him, though he _____ with them?”

• Compare to Romans 12:19.

III. John 14:13-14

- A. Why does the Lord answer your prayer?
 - B. When does the Lord answer your prayer? (15:7)
 - C. What is the result? (16:23-24)

IV. Matthew 26:39,42

- A. What was the example of the petition of Christ?

CONCLUSION... What did you learn about your prayer?

SUGGESTION FOR PRAYER

- THAT AS WE PRAY, WE MAY REMEMBER, “NOT MY WILL BUT THY WILL BE DONE.”
- THAT WE MAY BE ENCOURAGED TO ALWAYS PRAY, NO MATTER HOW IMPOSSIBLE IT MAY SEEM..
- THAT GOD MAY BE GLORIFIED IN THE ANSWER OF OUR PRAYER.