

Attitude Check
The Heart Attitude of Persistent Prayer
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Sermon On The Mount Review

Jesus began with the Beatitudes or what we called the Heart Attitudes of a Christ Follower.

- We should recognize and embrace our poor spiritual condition apart from him.
- We should mourn over that sinful state.
- We should meekly submit to his leadership in our lives.
- We should hunger and thirst for God first in our life over other things.
- We should demonstrate mercy to others as it has been extended to us.
- We should pursue a lifestyle of peacemaking.
- We should understand that we WILL be persecuted in our life for our faith.
- Be salt and light in the world — effect change for my kingdom.
- Understand that Jesus is the fulfillment of God's law and apply that truth to our lives.
- To realize that our heart attitudes are just as important as our actions and He uses murder, adultery, poor integrity and hate as examples.
- To be people who demonstrate generosity to a broken world.
- To pray well and to pray often.
- The importance of fasting and seeking his leading.
- The necessity of laying up treasure in heaven by serving in His kingdom.
- To refute worry by deepening our dependance on God.
- To not judge others from a self-righteous, human heart...

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

"Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? 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!" Matthew 7:7-11 NIV

Big Thought of the Day

Jesus stresses that the only way to live according to His teaching in the Sermon on the mount is to _____ the Father to grant us the ability.

Key Verses of the Day

"Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened." Matthew 7:7-8 NLT

Reality Check

We are to _____ on asking... We are to _____ on seeking... we are to _____ on knocking... when it come to petitioning God for the qualities that Jesus has taught in the Sermon on the Mount.

The Challenge

Make seeking after the qualities of the Sermon on the Mount part of your _____ prayer times.

Praying this way...

- ... helps us submit to the _____ work in our lives as it demonstrates our dependance upon Him.

Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Matthew 7:7a NLT

God wants to give his children good gifts, but He's not in the business of _____ His children with gifts they don't need.

You parents—if your children ask for a loaf of bread, do you give them a stone instead? Or if they ask for a fish, do you give them a snake? Of course not! So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him. Matthew 7:9-11 NLT

The Promise

When we keep on asking to become more like Jesus, the Holy Spirit _____!

If you love me, obey my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you. John 14:15-17 NLT

The Value of Persistent Prayer

Praying this way...

- ... brings Gods _____ into our lives.

Keep on seeking, and you will find. Matthew 7:7b NLT

"God does not bestow salvation on all alike, but bestows his riches upon all who call on him. For, everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved." — John Stott

The Promise

People who seek the redemptive gifts of God _____.

...how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him. Matthew 7:11b NLT

Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. Matthew 6:33 NLT

The Value of Persistent Prayer

Praying this way...

- ... encourages us to seek truly _____ from our Good Father.

Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. Matthew 7:7 NLT

The Promise

God in his _____ will bestow good gifts to us.

The Bottom Line

Jesus wants us to make it our life pursuit to follow his teaching in the Sermon on the Mount, so he challenges us to make that desire a _____ in our prayer life.