
“Why do some of my prayers go unanswered?”

Matthew 7:7 "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. (8) For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened."

*1 John 5:14 This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.
15 And if we know that he hears us--whatever we ask--we know that we have what we asked of him.*

Confidence—>approach God—>ask according to His will—>
He hears us—>we have

"Being good, our heavenly Father gives only good gifts to His children; being wise, as well, He knows which gifts are good and which are not.... If we ask for things which are not good (either not good in themselves, or not good for us or for others, directly or indirectly, immediately or ultimately) He denies them; and only He knows the difference." - Dr. John Stott

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God, My Father

Life Paths—pt 2

Matthew 7:7-11; September 14, 2014

■ What is God's attitude toward you? ■

Matthew 7:7 "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

He _____ you to come to Him.

Mt. 7:8 "For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened."

He _____ to answer your prayer.

God as our _____.

Matthew 7:9 "Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone?"

Matthew 7:10 "Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake?"

■ Matthew 7:11 "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!"

Why pray?

"Why do we have to tell God what we need, especially since He already knows?"

■ "Why do we have to *keep on* asking, seeking, and knocking?"

"Is what He gives us really dependent on our *asking*?"

■ Romans 3:10 As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one;

¹¹ *there is no one who understands, **no one who seeks God.***

¹² ***All have turned away,** they have together become **worthless**; there is no one who does good, not even one."*

Jeremiah 29:10 "For thus says the LORD: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfil to you my promise and bring you back to this place.

¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

¹² Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you.

¹³ You will seek me and find me; when you seek me with all your heart,

¹⁴ I will be found by you, says the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

■ "Why pray when God already gives everyone so much, whether or not they are Christians? Does prayer make any difference?"

■ Matthew 5:45 ... *that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.*

■ Ephesians 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.
