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Kingdom Power

The Sermon on the Mount

A Study of Matthew 5–7

Ask, Seek, & Knock

Matthew 7:7-12

November 22, 2026

Bible Study Prayer

Father, as we turn to the Bible,
What we know not - teach us,
What we have not - give us,
What we are not - make us,
For your Son's sake,
Amen.

Ask, Seek, & Knock - Matthew 7:7-12

Lesson Overview

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Present Imperative Active



aiteite (αἰτεῖτε) – **You must ask and keep on asking**
zēteite (ζητεῖτε) – **You must seek and keep on seeking**
krouete (κρούετε) – **You must knock and keep on knocking**

A Greek Salad of Verbs

didómi (δίδωμι) – to **give**
heuriskó (εὑρίσκω) – to **find**
anoigó (ἀνοίγω) – to **open**

Future Indicative Passive



dothēsetai (δοθήσεται) – will definitely be given to you
heurēsete (εὑρήσετε) – will definitely be found for you
anoigēsetai (ἀνοιγήσεται) – will definitely be opened to you

A Greek Salad of Verbs

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. (Matthew 7:7 – LSB)

**Ask and keep on asking and what you desire will without a doubt be given to you;
Seek and keep on seeking and what you look for will definitely be found by you;
Knock and keep on knocking and the door will most assuredly be opened for you.**
(Matthew 7:7 - BYEV)

Persistence in Prayer

Ask – Seek – Knock

There is a growing sense of urgency and an increase in personal commitment and a move to action in prayer.

Asking involves a simple verbal request.

Seeking moves your request to active involvement.

Knocking moves your active involvement to physical engagement that demands a response.

Persistence in Prayer

Ask – Seek – Knock

Jesus follows the imperatives of asking, seeking, and knocking with a bit of logic.

Or what man is there among you who, when his son asks for a loaf, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him! (Matthew 7:9-11 LSB)

Persistence in Prayer

You may say, "I don't want to annoy Jesus by asking Him the same thing over and over and over again.

(Don't forget - ask and keep on asking.)

Luke 11:5-8 – The Parable of the Persistent Neighbor precedes the Luke account of Jesus' teaching on asking, seeking, and knocking

(Also see Luke 18:1-8 – The Parable of the Unjust Judge)

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Persistence in Prayer

1 Thessalonians 5:17 - Pray without ceasing.
Colossians 4:2 – Devote yourselves to prayer
Romans 12:12 - Continuing steadfastly in prayer

John 15:7. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you,
ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

Psalm 37:3 - Delight yourself in Yahweh;
And He will give you the desires of your heart.

David (as the psalmist) and Jesus link answered prayer
to remaining closely connected to God
and to Jesus and his teachings.

The Golden Rule

Matthew 7:12 – Golden Rule
Luke 6:31 Golden Rule with enemies

Greatest Commandment

Matthew 22:36-40; Mark 12:28-31 (Jesus)
Luke 10:25-28 (Legal Scholar)

Love Your Neighbor As Yourself

Galatians 5:14; James 2:8
Leviticus 19:18

The Golden Rule

Matthew 7:12 (LSB) - Therefore, in all things, whatever you want people to do for you, so do for them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

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Think of the Golden Rule as following immediately after Matthew 5:17-19.

The Golden Rule

Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets;
I did not come to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Therefore, in all things, whatever you want
people to do for you, so do for them,
for this is the Law and the Prophets.

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John Wesley: " This is that royal law, that golden rule of mercy as well as justice . . . a rule which many believe to be naturally engraved on the mind of everyone that comes into the world. // This is the law and the prophets. . . . And this, rightly understood, comprises the whole of that religion which our Lord came to establish upon earth."

Charles Spurgeon: "True religion is not merely a matter of creeds and ceremonies; it is summed up in Christ's royal law of love—treating every neighbor as we ourselves would be treated."

Next Week!

Agape Life Bible Study

Binary Decisions That Can't Be Ignored

Matthew 7:13-14; 21-27

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