

## Praying for good things

Matthew 7:7-11

### I. God answers prayer (7:7-8).

- A. Ask – God gives to us when we pray.
- B. Seek – We find God personally when we seek for him (Jeremiah 29:12-14).
- C. Knock – God leads us when we are willing to follow him.
- D. God responds when we pray consistently.

#### Learning to pray for the right things

- Do I desire to follow Christ – Am I a disciple (Matthew 5:1-7:6)?
- Do I most want God's kingdom and righteousness (Matthew 6:33)?
- Am I praying for God to do what is good (Matthew 7:9-12)?

### II. God answers prayer by giving good things (7:9-12).

- A. God does not give what is worthless or dangerous to his children (9-10).
  - Bread and meat are good and essential things every father wants to supply his children.
- B. God is a good-hearted father who evaluates our requests and gives good things (11).
  - Do I want what God thinks is good as I pray about my spiritual needs and physical circumstances?