

Questions for Consideration—With the Master on the Mount—Lesson 18—
Matthew 7:7-11—The Promise of Answered Prayer

1. (a) Read Matthew 7:7-11 along with Luke 11:9-13. What is different about these two passages? (b) Why do you think they are different?
2. Memorize Matthew 7:7.
3. (a) In what ways are Luke 11:5-8 and Luke 18:1-8 good illustrations of Matthew 7:7,8? (b) What should be our attitudes in prayer according to Romans 12:12; Ephesians 5:20; Ephesians 6:18; Colossians 4:2 and 1 Thessalonians 5:17? (c) Do these characterize your attitudes in prayer?
4. (a) Jesus says we are to ask and it will be given to us. James, His brother says in his epistle that we ask but do not receive. According to James 4:1-5 what might be some of the reasons we do not receive what we ask for? (b) What is similar about Matthew 7:1-12 and James 4:1-11? (c) Why do you think prayer and judging others are both mentioned in close proximity in the Matthew passage as well as the James passage?
5. (a) What would be some possible reasons God does not answer our prayers according to Psalm 66:18; Matthew 6:7; Mark 11:25,26; Luke 18:1; James 1:5-7; James 4:1-4; 1 Peter 5:7; 1 John 5:14; (b) Could any of these be the reasons God does not answer your prayers? (c) What will you do about it?
6. (a) What do you find the most difficult when it comes to praying? (b) What have been the most effective times of prayer in your own life? (c) Looking back over your life, what are some things that you prayed for that God did not answer but now you are thankful He didn't? (d) Do you enjoy praying? Why or why not?
7. What things do you need to be asking, seeking and knocking for? Write your needs in the form of a prayer request so others can pray for you!