

Rediscover Jesus, Part 40: "Approach to Prayer"**Luke 11:5-13**

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I. We should be shameless and persistent in asking God for our needs (vv. 5-10)**Luke 11:5-10**

⁵ And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him';⁷ and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'?"

⁸ I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs.

⁹ And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

II. We should trust that God knows how to give good gifts to his children (vv. 11-13)**Luke 11:11-13**

¹¹ What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent;¹² or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?

¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Life Application

1. Pray shamelessly and persistently through the Lord's Prayer, knowing that these are our true needs.
2. Remember God's many "Yeses" and trust him in the few hard "Nos" and "Not yet's," for he knows how to give good gifts to his children.
3. Treasure the Holy Spirit—God himself—as our greatest need and most good gift as God's provision for any prayer we may have.