



Trusting God in Prayer

Matthew 7:7-11

Prayer is one area of our Christian life in which most of us recognize the need for improvement. Not only do we battle with distractions, but we're also tempted to give up if we don't see immediate results. Yet the Lord wants us to keep coming to Him with our concerns because in the process, we develop an intimate relationship with Him.

We may find it a struggle to establish a consistent prayer life, but what endeavor could be more valuable than petitioning an omnipotent God for whom nothing is impossible? Of course, that is not to say He'll give us everything we request, as people don't always make petitions according to His will. But even when His answer is no, God's fatherly concern for His children is obvious. Have you ever looked back at past prayer requests and been grateful the Lord didn't give the answer you hoped for? Sometimes a maturing perspective reveals that getting what you desired would have been disastrous.

In today's passage, God draws a comparison between earthly fathers and the heavenly Father. If a human father, who is flawed and limited, can offer good things to his children, then it stands to reason that the heavenly Father, who is all-powerful and all-knowing, will give His children superior gifts.

Therefore, we can trust that even if we don't receive exactly what we've requested, our loving heavenly Father giving us something even more beneficial. Peace and confidence in prayer come when we humbly accept that we're like children who have a very limited perspective, but our loving Father sees eternally. We can always trust Him to answer our prayers wisely.



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From my heart...

Summer is here with all of its activities. Vacation Bible School is June 23-28. GA camp, RA camp, and Youth camp are all during the week of June 17-21. Graduation Sunday is June 2. Families will be involved in sports, vacations, camps, weekend trips and more. Life can be so busy. All of us need some time just to spend it with our families. But don't forget, whether in town or out of town, God still deserves our worship and our praise. Be in church on Sunday morning. Remember your church family by sharing something of your vacation with us. Bring back a bulletin of where you worshipped. We would love to see them. Also don't forget that our church carries on its mission and ministries all year round. Continue to lift up our

church in your prayers, with your support, and with your presence.

As June is the month we remember our fathers on Father's Day, let me share this little poem with you. The author is unknown. It is entitled "MAKE ME A CHILD." Its message is simple, yet powerful.

*"Last night my little boy confessed to me
Some childish wrong; and kneeling at my knee
He prayed with tears: 'Dear God, make me a man
Like Daddy – wise and strong! I know You can.'
Then while he slept, I knelt beside his bed,
Confessed my sins, and prayed with low-bowed head:
'O God, make me a child, like my child here –
Pure, guileless, trusting You with faith sincere.'"*

Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 18:3-4)

Hope to see you Sunday with a Bible in your hand and a smile on your face.

Pastor Gordon



Two new followers of Christ!

We are excited to share that two men from Reality House have trusted Christ as their Savior and were baptized on Sunday, May 12 in our apartment. It was an exciting time as we heard each one of them confess their faith in Jesus Christ and their desire to follow Him for the remainder of their lives. We still have one other man who is ready for baptism and we look forward to scheduling that soon. Pray for these new believers to grow in Christ. They have many challenges yet to face in their lives and will certainly need the grace of God to be victorious. Pray also for the 27 other men at Reality House who have not yet become followers of Christ. Pray also for the staff there that God will give me an open door to minister to them as well.



June 23-

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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2 Graduation Sunday	3 10am - Ladies Craft	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 10am - Ladies Craft	11 Senior picnic	12	13	14	15
16	17 10am - Ladies Craft	18	19	20	21 7-7 VBS Prayer Vigil	22
23	24 10am - Ladies Craft	25	26	27	28	29
Vacation Bible School						
30	1	2	3	4	5	6

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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
30	1 10am - Ladies Crafts	2	3	4 Church Office closed	5	6
7	8 10am - Ladies Crafts	9 senior's to Fort Defiance	10	11	12	13
14	15 10am - Ladies Crafts	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 10am - Ladies Crafts	23	24	25	26	27 Movie Night
28	29 10am - Ladies Crafts	30	31	1	2	3
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