

“Knock, Knock—He’s There”

Matthew 7:7-11

Today’s BIG IDEA:

Our Father delights in answering our prayers.

1. Our Father’s INVITATION (v.7-8)

A. Our Father never wants to _____ out (v.7a,8a)
(Psalm 37:4; 84:11)

- *God is our Father, not our genie. And he’s a Father who always has our best interests at heart.*

B. Our Father never wants to _____ out (v.7b,8b)
(Jeremiah 29:12-14a)

C. Our Father always wants to _____ out (v.7c,8c)
(Matthew 11:28-29)

2. Our Father’s ILLUSTRATION (v.9-11)

- *Good parents love their kids and give them what they need and more. But God isn’t just a good parent. He’s a perfect Father.*

3. Our personal IMPLICATIONS

A. We should pray _____
(Hebrews 10:19-22)

B. We should pray _____
(James 4:8-10)

C. We should pray _____
(Luke 11:5-8)

D. We should pray _____
(James 1:5-6)

E. We should pray _____
(Psalm 119:105)

- *One of the reasons many of us don’t hear from God when we pray is because we’re not taking the time to listen to what he’s already said.*

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F. We should pray _____

(Matthew 5:10; 26:39)

- *The purpose of prayer isn't to conform God to our will. It's to conform our will to God's.*

G. We should pray _____

(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. How has God answered prayer in your life? How did he respond to your prayers?
2. What are some reasons that we don't ask, seek, and knock? What keeps us from praying like we should?
3. Today's text reminds us that God is a perfect Father. What are some reasons that we don't trust him and follow him as we should?