

PRAYER: THE SOURCE OF SPIRITUAL POWER

Matthew 7:7-12

"Sanctify them
by the Truth.
Your Word is Truth"

I. Introduction

II. What is persevering prayer? 7-8

A. Persevering prayer is asking, seeking, and knocking until the answer is received, found, or opened.

B. Christ taught several important lessons about prayer.

1. True prayer is persevering prayer.

2. Prayer is to be often.

3. The answers to our prayers are assured.

4. God will not mock our requests.

5. The thing asked for must be in God's will.

6. True prayer, persevering prayer, acknowledges our dependence upon God.

7. Jesus is telling us that there is more to praying than asking.

III. Why should we persevere in prayer? 8-11

A. Prayer is conditional. 8

B. Why wouldn't we pray if we really believe in God and believe in His promises to help us?

C. Every believer is heard and every prayer is answered. 7-8

D. The fourth reason we should persevere in prayer is God cares much more for us than even an earthly father cares. 9-11

IV. How persevering prayer helps us obey the golden rule and everything else Jesus commands.

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A. The golden rule is extremely tough to do.

B. We can keep the golden rule only by way of the spiritual power that comes through persevering prayer.

V. Conclusion