

Doubtless Living!

THE GOSPEL OF

LUKE


That you may have certainty!



**Anyone been to the
Tower of Pisa?**

How far off plumb
is the tower's top?

*Roughly 5 degrees, or
~17 feet at the top*



ASK, SEEK & KNOCK
BOLDNESS IN PRAYER

Luke 11:5-13

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ASK, SEEK, KNOCK

Luke 11:9-13

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⁹ "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead of a fish? 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?"

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Jesus transitions

From: "What"

To: "How"

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What problem is
presented by Jesus
in this parable?

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When did this situation arise?

Why does this situation
present a dilemma?

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The friend has a real, legitimate need, and it's urgent.

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In first-century Palestine, food was not as readily available as it is today, and the friend would have been dishonored if he had not offered food to the traveler.

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What are his options for addressing the need?

1. Boldly go to a friend at midnight and ask for bread, or
2. Disappoint his traveling friend, neglected his needs and be shamed.

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Why does the friend react this way?

A one room home meant waking up the whole family.

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Why does the neighbor get up, open the door and give bread to the needy friend?

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Why does Jesus mention this, what point is He trying to make?

Admit you are in a position of need and are helpless and go boldly to God in prayer without shame.

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Jesus switches from the parable to its application.

Therefore
⁹ "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened to you.

VERY IMPORTANT

Don't lose the context! What Jesus says next flows out of the model prayer, in the context of real, genuine need.

Context! Context! Context!

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What did Jesus teach them to ask for in the model prayer?

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Ask

Seek

Knock

Present imperative
Greek verbs indicating
continual action

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Too often, this passage is taught out of context.

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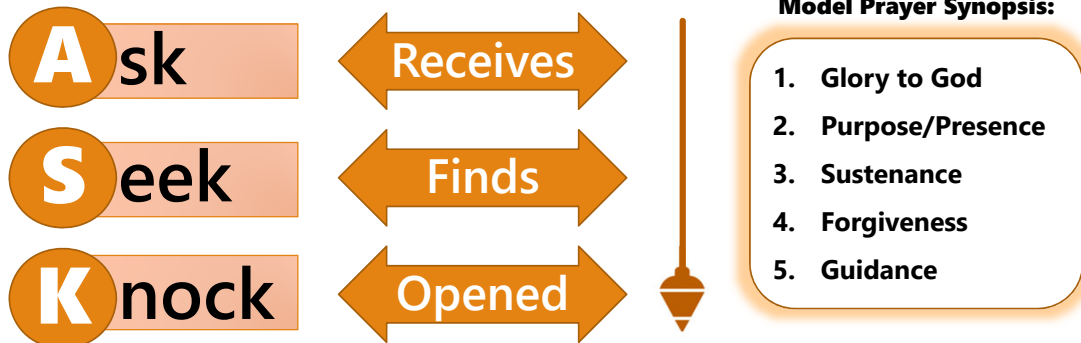
Model Prayer Synopsis:

1. Glory to God
2. Purpose/Presence
3. Sustenance
4. Forgiveness
5. Guidance

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Lord, teach us to pray...

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- If we want our prayers answered, like Jesus' prayers were, then we must learn to pray like Him.
- He gave us a model prayer to teach us how to do that every single day.
- Powerful things happen when we use that model and pray earnestly and boldly to our Father.
- When our will comes into alignment with His will, we can be assured that He will answer our prayers and meet our genuine needs.