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Matthew 7:7-12

## ASK, SEEK, AND KNOCK

### I. Introduction:

How Do You See God?

Authoritarian, Controlling, Vindictive, Angry,  
Distant, Critical and Judgmental, or  
Good, Kind and Loving?

### II. Unpacking The Passage:

Question "Do You Want To Connect With God?"

The way we **see** God is largely dependent upon how we approach or connect with God.

#### A. Prayer And The Goodness Of God

<sup>7</sup>"**Ask** and it will be given to you; **seek** and you will find; **knock** and the door will be opened to you." Matthew 7:7

#### B. Three Metaphors For Prayer:

1.) Ask

2.) Seek

3.) Knock

<sup>8</sup>For everyone who **asks** receives; the one who **seeks** finds; and to the one who **knocks**, the door will be opened." Matthew 7:8

### **C. Jesus Humorous Response:**

<sup>9</sup>“Which of you, if your son **asks for bread, will give him a stone?** <sup>10</sup> Or if he **asks for a fish, will give him a snake?** Matthew 7:9-10

### **D. The Nature Of The Human Condition:**

<sup>11</sup> If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! Matthew 7:11

## **III. Conclusion And Application:**

### **A. How Do You See God?**

Not how do you want to see him. Not how I want to see him. But how do you see him? Authoritarian, Distant, Critical, or Good, Kind, and Loving. **How we see God is dependent upon how we approach him.**