

“Let’s Ask Dad!”

Matthew 7:7-11, Psalm 103:1-14  
Fathers’ Day, June 17, 2018

1. God gives us \_\_\_\_\_ in response to prayer.  
Matthew 9:11 ***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!***

2. God will not give us \_\_\_\_\_ in response to prayer.  
I John 5:14-15 ***This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. 15 And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.***  
Romans 12:2 ***Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.***

3. Sometimes prayer needs to be \_\_\_\_\_.  
Luke 18:1 (-8) ***Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.***  
Luke 11:8 ***8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will get up and give him as much as he needs.***

4. True prayer is fervent.  
James 5:17 ***Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth.*** (ESV)

5. Intentional \_\_\_\_\_ counts.  
I John :21-22 ***Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God 22 and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him.***  
Psalm 66:18-19 ***If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened; 19 but God has surely listened and has heard my prayer.***

6. Prayer grows out of \_\_\_\_\_.  
Mark 11:24 **Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.**

James 1:6 **But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.**

Mark 6:5-6 **He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. 6 He was amazed at their lack of faith.**

7. God gives the \_\_\_\_\_ in response to prayer.  
Luke 11:13 **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 the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"**

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■ Opening my wallet to Mike.

8. God gives us good things in response to prayer.  
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9. God will not give us bad things in response to prayer.  
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10. Sometimes prayer needs to be persistent.  
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■ CJV “Hutzpah!”

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- *Note that in the rest of the chapter He feeds the 5,000, walks on water and healed even those who touched his cloak.*
- *My GtC testimony*

14. God gives the Holy Spirit in response to prayer.

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