

Parable of the Persistent Friend (Luke 11:5-13)

The Disciples saw Jesus' consistency & intimacy in prayer to His Father

In response Jesus gave the disciples the Lord's prayer as framework

Then Jesus gave the disciples an example of how to pray boldly

I. A Friend at Midnight (11:5-7)

"Which of you" Jesus describes something that wouldn't happen

In biblical times, hospitality was a sacred duty (Gen 18:1-5; Lk 14:15-24)

A man was in bed, his neighbor came to him in the evening – he says no

II. Audacious, Persistent, Prayer (11:8)

"Persistence" (*anaideian*): act without any sensibility to shame/disgrace

This, then, is how we should pray: no timidity: boldly, shamelessly

III. Asking, Seeking, Knocking (11:9-10)

- We are to ask, seek, & knock. There is probably a progression here
- Three verbs mark a progress of intensity to receive God's provision
- All three of these verbs describe a continuous action

IV. Good Gifts from Bad Fathers (11:11,12)

- What father would give his son a snake over a fish, scorpion over an egg?
- Even an evil father would not do that, much more the heavenly Father

V. The Father's Gift

- The greatest gift the heavenly Father can give to us is the Holy Spirit