



CHRIST'S SCHOOL OF PRAYER

↳ Asking with Confidence in a Good God

LUKE 11:11-13

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Luke 11:11 What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; **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!" (ESV)

1. Affirm _____ (vv.11-13)

2. When _____ ... (vv.11-12)

• **Trust in the Goodness of** _____

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3. Remember _____ (v.13)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Psalm 103:8-13**. Describe a couple of situations wherein earthly parents' "mercy, grace, steadfast love or compassion" is not understood as such by their children.
2. Read **John 15:13**. How does the contemplation of Christ's sacrifice on your behalf safeguard you from wrong conclusions about your currently "unanswered" prayers?
3. Read **Jonah 4:1-4**. Clearly Jonah's hope and prayers about the Ninevites were not aligned with God's good intentions. When have you had to learn this about something on your prayer list?
4. Read **1 Peter 1:14-19**. Based on your own life, how might you illustrate the truth that in this present world God is good to value your growth in holiness above your experience of happiness?
5. Read **1 Peter 1:13**. How can a sober-minded focus on the soon-to-arrive grace of God's kingdom change your response to disappointments in your prayer life?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

July 12th

Ps.7-9 & Ac.17:1-15

July 13th

Ps.10-12 & Ac.17:16-34

July 14th

Ps.13-16 & Ac.18

July 15th

Ps.17-18 & Ac.19:1-20

July 16th

Ps.19-21 & Ac.19:21-41

July 17th

Ps.22-24 & Ac.20:1-16

July 18th

Ps.25-27 & Ac.20:17-38

July 19th

Ps.28-30 & Ac.21:1-14

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. 08-22 – **Celebrating the Archetypal Fatherhood of Our Spiritual Dad**

Msg. 10-20 – **Reasons for Confidence No Matter What**

Msg. 14-37 – **A Life of Thanksgiving**

Msg. 12-23 – **Count Your Blessings**

Msg. 05-38 – **Anchoring Our Thanksgiving in What Matters Most**

Msg. 09-03 – **The Unfailing Promises of God**

Msg. 15-19 – **When to Stop Praying**

This Week's Social Media Hashtag

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For users of Twitter, Facebook, or other social media sites for the grouping of sermon quotes, helpful insights, or your sharable applications drawn from today's sermon.

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Alcorn, Randy. **Heaven**. Tyndale House Publishers, 2004.

_____. **Money, Possessions, and Eternity**. Tyndale House, 2003.

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Mack, Wayne. **"It's Not Fair!" Finding Hope When Times are Tough**. P & R Publishing, 2008.

Packer, J. I. **Knowing God**. InterVarsity Press, 1973.

Pink, Arthur W. **The Attributes of God**. Baker Books, 1975.

Spurgeon, Charles. **Power in Praising God**. Whitaker House, 1998.

Swindoll, Charles. **Hope Again**. Word Publishing, 1996.

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Welch, Edward. **Running Scared: Fear, Worry and the God of Rest**. New Growth Press, 2007.