

A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding an open Bible. The Bible is open to a page with text, and a pair of gold-rimmed glasses is resting on the left page. The background is softly blurred, showing the texture of the Bible's pages and the skin of the hand. The overall lighting is warm and natural, suggesting an indoor setting with soft light.

MORE OF JESUS LESS OF ME
Ask, Seek, And Knock!
Pastor Tony Barbosa 08/27/2023
Morning Service
Matthew 7:7-12

Introduction

I. The Relationship Of Prayer (v.7-8)

A. Ask, Seek, Knock (v.7)

1. Keep On Asking The Lord

2. Keep On Seeking The Lord

3. Keep On Knocking Until You Get An

Answer

In fact you could even translate verse seven as “Keep on asking! Keep on seeking! Keep on knocking!”

II. God's Principle In Answering Prayer

(v. 9-11)

A. The Giving Of Our Human Fathers

(v.9-10)

1. The Illustration Of Bread/Stone And Fish/Snake

2. Human Fathers Are Sinful, Yet They Give Good Gifts

B. The Giving Of Our Heavenly Father (v.10)

1. God's Gifts Are always Perfect Gifts.
2. God's Gifts Are Always On Time.

C. The Answering Of Our Heavenly Father (Psa. 66:18)

1. Your Hearts Condition (Psa. 66:18)
2. God's Wisdom and Love
(Psalm 34:10; James 1:17)

III. God's Positive Rule For Living (v.12)

A. Phrased Positively Rather Than

Negatively

B. Phrased Absolutely Rather Than

Specific Circumstances

C. Jesus' Reason For Following The

Golden Rule (v.12)

Conclusion