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Luke 11:9-13 (NIV)

Ask Me

Will you do that? Will I do what? Will you make your wants and needs known to me? Will you make the wants and needs of others known to me? Will you pray bold and persistent prayers to me? Will you ask until an answer is given to you? Will you seek until you find and answer from me? Will you knock until I open doors for you? Before you answer my questions, I know what you are wondering. What am I wondering? You are wondering why you need to ask. You know that your asking or seeking or knocking doesn't tell me anything new. You know that I know what you want and need better than you do. You know that I know what you will pray even before you pray it. Those thoughts have crossed my mind. **But you do know why I want you to come and ask me for what you need. That is no longer some big mystery to you. You no longer think it is odd that I want you to come and ask me for what you need. So, tell me why I want you to come and ask me for what you want and need.** You want me to live in an intimate relationship with you. You want me to come to rely on you. You want to live and walk through life with you. This is your highest priority for me. Nothing about your will for me is more important than us living together in close and intimate relationship. **That is true. What do you think about my desire for you?** I am astounded. I am knocked over. I am bowed down. It is beyond my imagination and comprehension what your desire for me means for now and forever. I am speechless. I am thankful and grateful beyond what my words can possibly express. I will simply say that I love you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. I will follow and serve you with all that is within me. **That is very good.** Yes, it is, I can think of nothing I would rather do.

Heavenly Father, I know I have not always made my wants and needs known to you. Seldom have I prayed bold and persistent prayers. Forgive me. Now, I will make both my wants and needs and the want and needs of others known to you in my prayers. Amen

The Prayer Filled Life *Ask And It Will Be Given*

"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 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!"

NIV Luke 11:9-13

The Prayer Filled Life *You Will Receive What You Ask For*

"And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. "You fathers—if your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead? Or if they ask for an egg, do you give them a scorpion? Of course not! So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him."

NLT Luke 11:9-13

The Prayer Filled Life *Ask And It Will Be Given*

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? 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!"

NRSV Luke 11:9-13

The Prayer Filled Life *Ask And Keep On Asking And It Shall Be Given*

So I say to you, Ask *and* keep on asking and it shall be given you; seek *and* keep on seeking and you shall find; knock *and* keep on knocking and the door shall be opened to you. For everyone who asks *and* keeps on asking receives; and he who seeks *and* keeps on seeking finds; and to him who knocks *and* keeps on knocking, the door shall be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a loaf of bread, will give him a stone; or if he asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, evil as you are, know how to give good gifts [gifts that are to their advantage] to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask *and* continue to ask Him!

AMP Luke 11:9-13

The Prayer Filled Life *Ask And It Will Be Given*

"So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. "For everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it will be opened. "Now suppose one of you fathers is asked by his son for a fish; he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he? "Or if he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he? "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?"

NASB Luke 11:9-13

The Prayer Filled Life *Ask And It Will Be Given*

And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 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 Luke 11:9-13

The Prayer Filled Life *Ask And It Will Be Given*

"So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

NKJV Luke 11:9-13

The Prayer Filled Life *Ask And You'll Get*

"Here's what I'm saying: Ask and you'll get; Seek and you'll find; Knock and the door will open. "Don't bargain with God. Be direct. Ask for what you need. This is not a cat-and-mouse, hide-and-seek game we're in. If your little boy asks for a serving of fish, do you scare him with a live snake on his plate? If your little girl asks for an egg, do you trick her with a spider? As bad as you are, you wouldn't think of such a thing—you're at least decent to your own children. And don't you think the Father who conceived you in love will give the Holy Spirit when you ask him?"

MSG Luke 11:9-13

The Prayer Filled Life *Keep On Asking And You Keep On Getting*

And so it is with prayer—keep on asking and you will keep on getting; keep on looking and you will keep on finding; knock and the door will be opened. Everyone who asks, receives; all who seek, find; and the door is opened to everyone who knocks. "You men who are fathers—if your boy asks for bread, do you give him a stone? If he asks for fish, do you give him a snake? If he asks for an egg, do you give him a scorpion? [Of course not!] "And if even sinful persons like yourselves give children what they need, don't you realize that your heavenly Father will do at least as much, and give the Holy Spirit to those who ask for him?"

TLB Luke 11:9-13

The Prayer Filled Life *Ask And God Will Give To You*

So I tell you, ask, and God will give to you. Search, and you will find. Knock, and the door will open for you. Yes, everyone who asks will receive. The one who searches will find. And everyone who knocks will have the door opened. If your children ask for a fish, which of you would give them a snake instead? Or, if your children ask for an egg, would you give them a scorpion? Even though you are bad, you know how to give good things to your children. How much more your heavenly Father will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

NCV Luke 11:9-13

Ask And It Will Be Given

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The Prayer Filled Life – Luke 11:9-14

In Context: Read Luke 11

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God’s Word: (What is God speaking to your heart?)

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Considering The Words: (What words speak to your heart?)

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Praying The Scripture: (What prayer from your heart will you write?)

Heavenly Father, I know I have not always made my wants and needs known to you. Seldom have I prayed bold and persistent prayers. Forgive me. Now, I will make both my wants and needs and the want and needs of others known to you in my prayers. Amen

What It Means: (What questions speak to your heart?) *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

When have you boldly asked your Heavenly Father for what you want and need?

How persistent are you in praying for your wants and needs?

How persistent are you in praying for the wants and needs of others?

What prayers will you not stop praying until they are heard and answered?

When have you been reluctant to make your wants and needs known to your Heavenly Father?

How has your Heavenly Father graciously and abundantly heard and answered your prayers?

When has your Heavenly Father heard and answered your prayers in ways you could not have anticipated?

Living It Out: (What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Be bold and persistent in making your wants and needs known to your Heavenly Father.

Seeing It Happen: (What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that your Heavenly Father will hear and answer your prayers as you make them known to Him.

Get Ready To Share: (What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group the prayers you are praying to your Heavenly Father.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you ask your Heavenly Father for what you need from Him.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Heavenly Father, I will ask you for what I need.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Heavenly Father, what needs should I make know to you today?
