

Christ-followers Pursue the Lord

Matt 7:7-12 - *Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. ⁹ Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? ¹¹ If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him! ¹² Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.*

Christ-followers Pursue the Lord Passionately

Vs.7-8 - *Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.*

Ask

James 4:2 – “...you do not have because you do not ask.”

Jer 33:3 - *Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.*

Phil 4:6 - *Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;*

Seek

Jer 29:13 - *And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.*

Knock

Rev 3:7-8 - These things says He who is holy, He who is true, “He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens: ⁸ I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.”

Christ-followers Pursue the Lord Confidently

Vs. 9-11 - *⁹ Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? ¹¹ If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!*

Heb 11:1 - *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*

Substance (G) – *a setting under (support); concretely; confidence*

Evidence (G) – *proof; conviction*

Faith determines our testimony

Heb 11:2 - *For by it the elders obtained a good testimony.*

Faith informs our understanding

Heb 11:3 - *By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.*

Faith impacts our worship

Heb 11:4 - *By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks.*

Faith impacts our ability to please God

Heb 11:5-6 - By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, “and was not found, because God had taken him”; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God. ⁶ But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Faith impacts our labor for the Kingdom

Heb 11:7 - By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

Luke 18:8 - *Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?*

Christ-followers Pursue the Lord Purposely

Vs. 12 - *Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.*

Could it be, God is inviting us to give to Him bread and fish?

Matt 25:40 - *And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'*

Matt 10:7-8 - *And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'⁸ Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.*