

Reward of Prayer

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IF YOU KNEW, YOU WOULD ASK

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Prayer brings...

- **Glory to God** - *“And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.” (John 14:13-14)*
- **Joy to my life** - *“Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.” (John 16:24)*

A short story with a powerful prayer punch...

Then He said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and he goes to him at midnight and says, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have nothing to set before him.’ Then the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children are with me in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’” (Luke 11:5-7)

The big idea in the earthly story - a bold and shameless request...

“I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because

he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will get up and give him as much as he needs." (Luke 11:8)

The applications...

- **Pray boldly** - **God invites you...**
- **Pursue and persist** - *"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."* (Luke 11:9)

"For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened." (Luke 11:10)

The reward - God's great kindness on display in your life...

"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!" (Luke 11:11-13)

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! (Eph. 3:20-21)