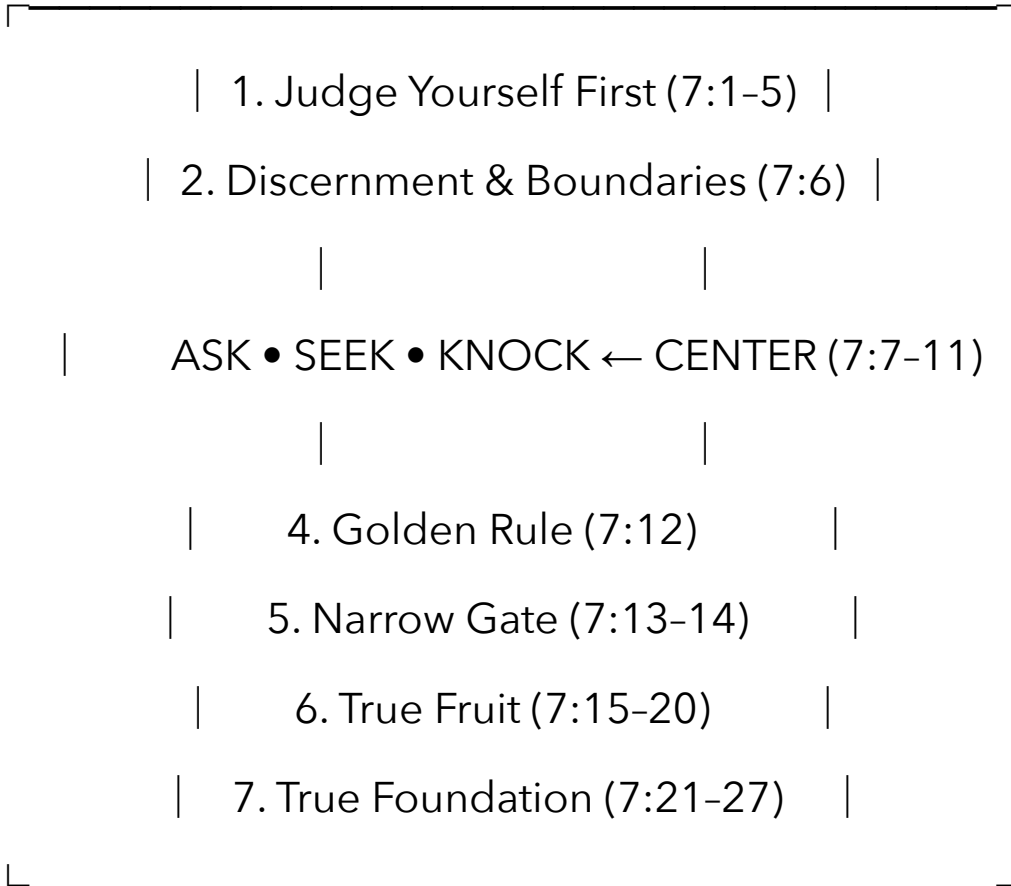


Matthew 7 ASK • SEEK • KNOCK

Matthew 7:7-11



INWARD FORMATION Judge Yourself • Discern Wisely

(7:1-6) OUTWARD FRUIT Love Others • Choose the Narrow Way • Bear Fruit • Build on the Rock (7:12-27)

Matthew 7:7 is the posture that makes the whole chapter livable.

Opening Question:

Which is harder for you right now—asking God, waiting on God, or trusting God?

Whatever your hard is the use of effective prayer.

Matthew 7 is not about behavior modification—it's about **relational alignment**.

The Seven Lessons & Their Connection to 7:7

1. Right Judgment (7:1-5)

Lesson: Examine yourself before correcting others.

Connection to 7:7:

- Ask for humility
- Seek truth in your own heart
- Knock through repentance

Supporting Scriptures:

- Psalm 139:23-24
 - 2 Corinthians 13:5
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2. Discernment & Boundaries (7:6)

Lesson: Wisdom knows *when* and *with whom* to speak.

Connection to 7:7:

- Ask for wisdom
- Seek understanding
- Knock before engaging

Supporting Scriptures:

- James 1:5
 - Proverbs 4:23
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3. Ask • Seek • Knock (7:7-11) – *THE CENTER*

Lesson: God responds to relationship, not performance.

Key Truth:

Persistence doesn't move God—it **forms us**.

Supporting Scriptures:

- Luke 11:9-13
 - Jeremiah 29:13
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4. The Golden Rule (7:12)

Lesson: Love flows outward from a transformed heart.

Connection to 7:7:

You cannot treat others well without first being shaped by God.

Supporting Scriptures:

- John 13:34-35
 - Philippians 2:3-5
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5. Narrow & Wide Gates (7:13-14)

Lesson: The Kingdom requires intentional choice.

Connection to 7:7:

- Ask which way leads to life
- Seek truth over convenience
- Knock despite resistance

Supporting Scriptures:

- Deuteronomy 30:19
- Psalm 16:11

6. Fruit Reveals the Root (7:15-20)

Lesson: Transformation is visible over time.

Connection to 7:7:

Fruit grows where relationship is practiced daily.

Supporting Scriptures:

- Galatians 5:22-23
- John 15:4-8

7. True Foundation (7:21-27)

Lesson: Knowing God ≠ knowing about God.

Connection to 7:7:

Those who *knock* enter relationship and build on the Rock.

Supporting Scriptures:

- James 1:22
 - Psalm 127:1
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