

**“Ask, Seek, Knock”  
Matthew 7:7-12**

**I. The Ministry of Jesus Christ**

A. The **Sermon** on the Mount (Righteous principles of the promised Kingdom)

The purpose of the Sermon was to <b>instruct</b> those who believed on Christ as Messiah and to <b>condemn</b> those who had not yet done so.
Jesus raises the <b>level</b> of righteousness from a relative human standard to a <b>divine</b> standard
Jesus shows that mankind cannot <b>reach</b> this level of righteousness
For those who have accepted Jesus as the Messiah, it puts forth the righteous <b>principles</b> to be <b>employed</b> by faith as Jews until the kingdom is set up.
The sermon also contains <b>trans-dispensational principles</b> which are to be applied by faith for the believer <b>today</b>

1. With respect to wealth/cares of this world (6:19-34)
2. With respect to brethren (7:1-5)
3. With respect to the unsaved (7:6)
4. With respect to God (7:7-12)

**a. The Invitation by God:** \_\_\_\_\_ (v 7, 8)

1) To benefit from this command you have to \_\_\_\_\_  
in the process. You need to \_\_\_\_\_!

\* Ask for what?

2) To benefit from this command, you have to \_\_\_\_\_  
during the process

3) To benefit from this command, you have \_\_\_\_\_  
as part of the process

4) The corresponding promises are: “**Ask**, and [1] \_\_\_\_\_, **seek**, and [2] \_\_\_\_\_; **knock**, and [3] \_\_\_\_\_ For everyone who asks [4] \_\_\_\_\_ and the one who seeks [5] \_\_\_\_\_, and to the one who knocks [6] \_\_\_\_\_”

\* Is this for “everyone”?

\* Is this a “free for all” to all that ask, seek, or knock?

**b. The Reinforcing Illustration to Heed Concerns:** \_\_\_\_\_ (v 9-11)

1) Here Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ God to a \_\_\_\_\_ father

2) Here Jesus calls his audience \_\_\_\_\_

3) If we who are sinful \_\_\_\_\_ for the children we have, how much more does our Father in heaven \_\_\_\_\_ for His children?

4) If we have the desire and ability to \_\_\_\_\_ for our children, how much more can the Father \_\_\_\_\_ for us?

\*The **Point** Jesus makes here: Even fallen, sinful fathers usually have enough common grace to give \_\_\_\_\_ to their children.

5) God is \_\_\_\_\_ than your earthly father

**c. The Application to Life:** \_\_\_\_\_ (v 12)

1) This is also called “\_\_\_\_\_”

2) It is what the OT law and prophets \_\_\_\_\_.

\* What does this mean to you?