

Key Idea: “Having given his disciples the basic content for prayers (in the Lord’s Prayer), Jesus proceeded to show them how boldly they should ask for what they needed, and how generously their Father would answer.”<sup>1</sup>

**I. THE FRIEND WHO KNOCKS AT MIDNIGHT . . . (11:5-8)**

- A. When Jesus says “Which of you” he is expecting the answer “\_\_\_\_\_” in the community of God’s people would refuse a neighbor.
- B. In the ancient culture \_\_\_\_\_ was a sacred \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The real issue was not the man \_\_\_\_\_ not help, but he \_\_\_\_\_ not.
  - Like ‘ole Rabbit: \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. But this persistent / *impudent* neighbor would not take \_\_\_\_\_ for an answer.

**II. PICTURES THE AUDACIOUS, PERSISTENT PRAYER**

A. Jesus’ point: We should come to God with the same kind of \_\_\_\_\_ persistence when we \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1. *Impudence* is to be s\_\_\_\_\_ p\_\_\_\_\_
- 2. God does not want us to be \_\_\_\_\_ in prayer but rather \_\_\_\_\_

*Application:* But with God???? \_\_\_\_\_

B. If even the \_\_\_\_\_ neighbor can be persuaded to help in the middle of the night, then *how much more* \_\_\_\_\_ (Ps. 121:4; 34:15)

*Application:* But what about when God does not appear to respond? (James 4:1-3; John 14:1f; 16:23f)

C. An important lesson about prayer comes from the context of the Lord’s Prayer:

- 1. “Prayer is not a way of getting God to do what we \_\_\_\_\_ or of persuading him to do \_\_\_\_\_ that he does not want to do.”
- 2. “But prayer is an audaciously bold request for God to do \_\_\_\_\_ he has \_\_\_\_\_ to do.” —*Philip Graham Ryken*

**III. KEEP ON SEEKING, ASKING & KNOCKING (11:9-10)**

A. Jesus ties together persistence in prayer and prayer’s \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1. He does not invite us to seek, ask and knock but \_\_\_\_\_ but to \_\_\_\_\_ on seeking, \_\_\_\_\_ on asking, \_\_\_\_\_ on knocking.
- 2. These three verbs also point towards a \_\_\_\_\_ in intensity of our request.

B. Jesus assures us that God will \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_ (v.10)

- 1. What does he promise to answer / provide (from the Lord’s Prayer): \_\_\_\_\_

*Application:* The *labor* of prayer: \_\_\_\_\_  
 What are you striving in prayer for? \_\_\_\_\_ (ex. George Muller)

**IV. THE GENEROSITY OF OUR HEAVENLY FATHER (11:11-13)**

A. These 2 mini-parables back up (v.10) that God really is this \_\_\_\_\_

B. God wants to \_\_\_\_\_ even more than we want to \_\_\_\_\_.

*Application:* What is God’s highest gift to us? \_\_\_\_\_ (13b)

<sup>1</sup> From Philip Graham Ryken’s commentary on *Luke*, Vol. I, page 582.