

UPSIDE-DOWN KINGDOM

Sermon on the Mount Series | Matthew 7:7-12

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The Golden Promise to the Golden Rule

MATTHEW 7

7 "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

9 "Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? 11 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 good gifts to those who ask him! 12 So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

1. Ask _____ – Because God Has _____ (v. 7–8)

2. Trust _____ – Because God Is _____ (v. 9–11)

"Our heavenly Father will correct our prayer, and give us, not what we ignorantly seek, but what we really need... It would be a terrible thing if God always gave us all we asked for. Our heavenly Father himself 'knows how to give' far better than we know how to ask."

– Charles Spurgeon

PROVERBS 3

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;
6 in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

3. Live _____ – Because God Supplies _____ (v. 12)

JOHN PIPER EXPLAINS THAT:

1. You can't live the Golden Rule without trusting the Golden Promise.
2. If you truly believe the Father meets your needs, you become free to meet the needs of others.
3. This Spirit-empowered life fulfills everything the Law and Prophets were pointing to.

