

# Prayer is Confidence

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## **Matthew 7:12**

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# I. Ask!

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A. What is the tone?

B. What does it mean?

- Ask
- Seek
- Knock

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### A. The Context

- The context is the gospel
- God as our Father

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- Lordship, Intimacy, Dependency
- Lord's prayer
- Right motives (James 4:2-3)
- Clear conscience (1 Jn. 3:21-22)
- His will (1 Jn. 5:14-15)
- In His name (John 16:24; Col. 3:17)

## **James 4:2-3**

**2 You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God. 3 When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.**



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## **1 John 3:21-22**

**21 Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God 22 and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him**

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## **1 John 5:14-15**

**14 This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. 15 And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.**

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**24 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)**

**17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Col. 3:17)**

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### C. Implications

- Prayer is second
- Yes, No or Wait
- Why pray?



### III. The Golden Rule

12 So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets

A. What's connection?

B. In everything