

### *'Prayer Etiquette 3: Be Persistent' 'Matthew 7:7-11*

"Continue to ask, and God will give to you. Continue to search, and you will find. Continue to knock, and the door will open for you. Yes, everyone who continues asking will receive. He who continues searching will find. And he who continues knocking will have the door opened for him." Matthew 7:7-8

God \_\_\_\_\_ your prayers, any prayer for anything.

Reminder: God is \_\_\_\_\_, He never tires; nothing is too difficult for Him.

Reminder: God is \_\_\_\_\_, He doesn't have to put off doing one thing to take care of you.

Reminder: God is \_\_\_\_\_, you're more important to Him than anything else.

Your prayer \_\_\_\_\_ is that your heavenly Father has great things for you.

"What would you do if your son asks for bread? Which of you would give him a stone? Or if your son asks for a fish, would you give him a snake? Even though you are bad, you know how to give good gifts to your children. So surely your heavenly Father will give good things to those who ask him." Matthew 7:9-11

Prayer etiquette says: "\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_."

"At that time, I was mourning for three weeks. I did not eat any rich food or any meat, drink any wine, or comb my hair until the three weeks were past." Daniel 10:2-3; "Jesus left that place and went off to the territory near the cities of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman who lived in that region came to him. "Son of David!" she cried out. "Have mercy on me, sir! My daughter has a demon and is in a terrible condition. But Jesus did not say a word to her. His disciples came to him and begged him, "Send her away! She is following us and making all this noise!" Then Jesus replied, "I have been sent only to the lost sheep of the people of Israel." At this the woman came and fell at his feet. "Help me, sir!" she said. Jesus answered, "It isn't right to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." "That's true, sir," she answered, "but even the dogs eat the leftovers that fall from their masters' table." So Jesus answered her, "You are a woman of great faith! What you want will be done for you." And at that very moment her daughter was healed." Matthew 15:22-28; "Continue to ask, and God will give to you. Continue to search, and you will find. Continue to knock, and the door will open for you. Yes, everyone who continues asking will receive. He who continues searching will find. And he who continues knocking will have the door opened for him." Matthew 7:7-8

Ask - \_\_\_\_\_ about anything in your mind.

When you ask for anything, be open and wanting \_\_\_\_\_ to be done.

We are sure that he hears us if we ask him for anything that is according to his will. He hears us whenever we ask him; and since we know this is true, we know also that he gives us what we ask from him." 1John 5:14-15

Search/Seek - \_\_\_\_\_ in the bible, \_\_\_\_\_ on what God's Spirit is saying to your heart, \_\_\_\_\_ to what God's doing around you.

Knock - keep praying until God \_\_\_\_\_ Himself, the \_\_\_\_\_ comes, or you get a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ from the Lord.

Just keep praying and \_\_\_\_\_ God for the answer. (James 1:6-7)

"Then he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and he goes to him at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have nothing to set before him. Then the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children are with me in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will get up and give him as much as he needs." Luke 11:5-10