

HOW GOD WORKS Matthew 7:7-12

"Keep asking, and it will be given to you; keep seeking, and you will find; keep knocking, and the door will be opened to you. ... everyone who keeps asking receives; he who keeps seeking finds; and to him who keeps knocking, the door will be opened. Matthew 7:7-8 (CJB)

This promise is for _____ (v.8)
For everyone who asks receives (v.8)

I begin with _____
You do not have because you do not ask. 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures... (Lusts-KJV) James 4:2-4

Delight yourself in the Lord; And He will give you the desires of your heart. Psalms 37:4

This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him. 1 John 5:14-15

Then I start _____
Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they? Matthew 6:26

When I come to a closed door I start _____
Keep knocking _____ the door opens or until the Lord makes it _____ this is not the door
...having come down to Mysia, they attempted to go to Bithynia, and the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; Acts 16:7

Faith is revealed by _____
God calls us to persist because it helps me determine what _____ is _____ to me

Jesus liked a little chutzpah (Luke 18:1-8, Mark 7:26-30)
Then He said to them, " Suppose one of you has a friend, and goes to him at midnight and says to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves; 6 for a friend of mine has come to me from a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; 7 and from inside he answers and says, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been shut and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' 8 "I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will get up and give him as much as he needs. 9 "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 10 "For everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it will be opened. 11 "Now suppose one of you fathers is asked by his son for a fish... Luke 11:5-13

Keep asking, seeking, knocking while _____
the _____
...it shall be given...ye shall find... it shall be opened (v.7)

(vv.9-11)
God as my Father desires to _____
The Lord be magnified, Who delights in the prosperity of His servant." Psalms 35:27

God _____ only what He knows is _____

My willingness to ask, seek and knock in prayer and life reveals what I _____ about God

The summary statement of the Sermon on the Mount up to this point (v.12)
"In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets. Matthew 7:12