

"TASTING GOD'S GOODNESS"

Matthew 7:7-11

Main Idea: We experience God's incredible goodness when we pray persistently.

The Commands to pray persistently (7)

The emphatic nature of these verbs

The tense of these verbs

The Rewards of persistent prayer (8)

The certainty of God's response

The implications of *not* asking...

The Reasons persistent prayer works (9-11)

The cruelty of Greek "gods"

The nature of fatherhood

Even "evil" earthly fathers are good to their children

Most certainly a "good" heavenly Father is good to His children

The Questions that arise from this passage

Why is *persistence* necessary?

What about prayers that are not answered?

Family Life Groups

“A Judgment Call”

Matthew 7:6

Main Idea: Some people’s hearts are so hard that they are not receptive to the help they need, so it may be best not to try to help them.

Sacred things and pearls represent the help or encouragement people need to receive life, liberty, or healing. Snarling dogs and vicious pigs represent people whose hearts are so hard that they are not receptive to this help.

1) Do you know any people who might be comparable to “dogs” or “pigs”? What makes you think so?

2) How would God have you relate to them?

3) How can you help them, even in their hardened state?

Questions? Contact Pastor Stan