

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying. As he finished, one of his disciples came to him and said, "Lord, teach us to pray..." Luke 11:1a (NLT)

"And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened."

Luke 11:9-10 (NLT)

Why should I be persistent in prayer?

1. When I ask, I receive _____.

Jesus said, "This is how you should pray: 'Father...'" Luke 11:2a (NLT)

2. When I seek, I find _____.

Then, teaching them more about prayer, he used this story: "Suppose you went to a friend's house at midnight, wanting to borrow three loaves of bread. You say to him, 'A friend of mine has just arrived for a visit, and I have nothing for him to eat.' And suppose he calls out from his bedroom, 'Don't bother me. The door is locked for the night, and my family and I are all in bed. I can't help you.' But I tell you this – though he won't do it for friendship's sake, if you keep knocking long enough, he will get up and give you whatever you need because of your shameless persistence."

Luke 11:5-8 (NLT)

3. When I knock, God opens the _____.

"You fathers – if your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead? Or if they ask for an egg, do you give them a scorpion? Of course not! So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him."

Luke 11:11-13 (NLT)

CIRCLE MAKER APPLICATION // WEEK 3

Take time in personal reflection to think about the following questions ...

- What are some of the prayers I have never dared to ask?
- What has kept me from asking them? How can I begin lifting up these prayers today?
- What are examples of times I have prayed hard, but failed to take action and do my part? What is an action I need to take to bring my life in alignment with my prayers?

Write down three important prayer circles you are drawing right now. Then, write down two or three actions you could take as you pray for each. In the coming week, act on at least one of these possible actions.

**God is great not just because nothing is too big for Him;
God is great because nothing is too small for Him.**