

**HOW ARE TRUE BELIEVERS TO ACCOMPLISH
THE RIGHTEOUSNESS GOD DEMANDS?
PRAYER THAT WILL BE ANSWERED!!!
Matthew 7:7-12**

- I. WE MUST BE TOTALLY DEPENDENT UPON CHRIST TO ENABLE US TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT: Jesus illustrates this by commanding dependant and persistent prayer for that which is good, which is promised to be answered (7-8)**
- A. Some important preliminarily observations**
1. Although teaching of prayer this is not the main point of the passage (11)

 2. Who is this promise of answered prayer to? His Children (11)

 3. What prayers are promised to be answered?
- B. Jesus commands us to pray dependently and persistently...Ask Seek Knock (7)**
- C. Jesus promises answers to such prayers according to His Will (7-8)**
- II. WE MUST REMEMBER THE TRUE NATURE OF WHOM WE ARE PRAYING TO:**
Jesus gives that reveals our good and gracious heavenly Father gives what is good when we asked for what is good (9-11)
- A. The analogy:** If we being sinners give good gifts to our children, how much more will a **good God** give to us what is good if we ask for it (9-11)
- B. Notice again:** It is what is good that is asked for and thus given.(11)
- III. UNDERSTAND JESUS' CONCLUSION: Only through dependence, as demonstrated in our prayer life, will we fulfill His Righteous Word: *All things you desire men to do to you, do to them* (12)**