

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

- I. **PRAY, TOTALLY DEPENDING UPON CHRIST TO ENABLE YOU TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT:** Jesus illustrates this by commanding dependent and persistent prayer for that which is good and is promised to be answered (7-8)
 - A. **Some important preliminary observations**
 1. Although Jesus teaches of prayer, there is a greater point (11)
 2. Who is this promise of answered prayer for? 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. **REMEMBER THE TRUE NATURE OF WHOM WE ARE PRAYING TO:** Jesus gives an illustration that reveals **our good and gracious heavenly Father** gives what is good when we ask 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 upon the Lord, 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)