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**Topic: Power of Prayer: Ask, Seek, Knock**

Scripture text: Matthew 7:7-11

1. The Lord Jesus Christ commands us to be persistent in prayer. We are not just to pray but to pray in confidence because there is power in prayer.

2. We must persist in prayer, to keep asking, seeking and knocking. We are not to give up but to be diligent in prayer. We show humility when we pray to God and He is pleased when we do so. Go all out to search out God's will and do so with urgency. There must be intensity and passion in prayer.

3. We must remember the promise of prayer. God will not answer us if we pray without effort and thoughtfulness. Do not pray as if prayer does not matter. God will surely answer and there is no doubt about it. We persist in prayer not to see if God will answer but because we are sure God will answer.

4. We must be clear about the purpose of prayer. God will only give us what is good for us. He delights to give us what we need, not what we want. Be assured that God will not withhold good things from us. If sinful men can give good things to their children, how much more would God, who is loving, provide for His children. Be encouraged to pray!