

Jesus' School of Discipleship
~ Teachings from the Sermon on the Mount ~

“Essential Principles of Prayer”

Matthew 7:7-11

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A disciple of Jesus is a person who _____ Jesus
and is becoming _____ Him.

- Fasting and prayer
 - The purpose of fasting

“Jehoshaphat was afraid and turned his attention to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. So Judah gathered together to seek help from the LORD; they even came from all the cities of Judah to seek the LORD.” II Chronicles 20:3-4 (NASB)

- Reasons to fast

- Three kinds of fasting

ASK, SEEK, KNOCK

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.”
Matthew 7:7-8 (NIV)

“You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God.”
James 4:2 (NIV)

God is a _____ Father who gives _____

gifts to His children.

“Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask Him!”
Matthew 7:9-11 (NIV)

“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”
Romans 12:12 (NIV)

“If you then, evil as you are, know how to give good and advantageous gifts to your children, how much more will your Father Who is in heaven [perfect as He is] give good and advantageous things to those who keep on asking Him!”
Matthew 7:11 (Amplified Bible)



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