THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

Matt 7:7-11 & Luke 11:9-13 A. 3 Forms of receiving the things which we need from God

- 1. Ask, Seek, Knock
 - a) Greek imperative verbs in the present tense suggesting continued "action."

II. ASK - Is it okay to ask?

- A. Biblical Support
 - 1. **Ps 2:8** 8 Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance,
 - 2. <u>Matt 18:19</u> 19...if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.
 - 3. <u>Matt 21:22</u> 22 And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.
 - 4. **Mark 11:24** 24..whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.
 - 5. John 14:13-14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.
 - 6. **John 15:7** My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.
 - 7. John 15:16 Whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.
 - 8. John 16:23-24 Whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.
 - 9. <u>1 John 3:22</u> 22 And whatever we ask we receive from Him,
- B. Ask aiteo To ask for with urgency, crave, desire, require
 - 1. **<u>Require</u>** To claim or ask for by right and authority; to demand as necessary or essential
 - 2. <u>Matt 7:7 AMP</u> "Keep on asking" Imperative form suggests continual action.
 - 3. Will be given didomi To give, to make or cause to happen
- C. Everyone who asks receives
 - 1. **<u>Receives</u>** *lambano* To take, to get hold of something, grab, seize or possess.

2. <u>I can either defend my way of asking or I can adjust my way of asking</u>.

- D. Asking guidelines according to Scripture:
 - <u>1 John 5:14-15</u> 14 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we <u>ask anything</u> <u>according to His will</u>, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.
 - 2. James 1:5-8 Ask in faith with no doubting
 - 3. James 4:2-3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss
 - a) Amiss kakos Incorrect, inaccurate, harmful or damaging

III. SEEK - Do we have to seek?

- A. Seek zeteo To attempt to obtain, learn the location of or experience something
- B. **<u>Find</u>** *heurisko* To learn or discover something not known or experienced
 - 1. **Jer 29:12-14** 13..you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.
 - 2. <u>Matt 6:33</u> 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

IV. KNOCK - Do I have to knock?

- A. **Knock** *krouo* To rap or knock on a door to signal one's presence to those inside.
- B. **Opened** anoigo To open up, to cause to be able to see, hear or speak.

V. Father in Heaven gives good gifts!

- A. <u>Evil</u> *poneros* Hurtful, morally corrupt, possessing faults
- B. Know eido/oida To see clearly, have fullness of knowledge
 - 1. **James 1:17** 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.