

# Why Pray?

Matthew 7:7-11

(series #40)

**Intro:** The importance of walking by faith, not by sight  
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:7; 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 4:18

## I. The Context of the Encouragement to Pray

- A. The instruction in verses 1-6
- B. Wisdom is needed to discern without judging

## II. The Continuance Emphasized v. 7

- A. Ask, seek, knock
- B. Present tense imperatives
- C. Parallel passages
  1. Luke 11:5-8
  2. Colossians 4:2
  3. Luke 21:36
  4. Romans 12:12
  5. Ephesians 6:18
  6. 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:17
  7. 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 4:7
  8. Luke 18:1-8a

## III. The Incentive or Motivation to Pray vv. 8-11

- A. God answers prayer! v. 8
- B. God is good vv. 9-11

**Conclusion:** passivity or a lack of persistence is fatal