



## **“The Heart of the Matter” Series (Sermon on the Mount)**

### **“Just Ask” Matthew 7:7-12**

#### **Recap:**

- **Finish Chapter 5**
- **Finish Chapter 6**
- **Last week we began Chapter 7 with a message titled “Who’s the Judge?” (Matthew 7:1-6)**
  - **Stop being Critical**
  - **The Measure you use will be used against you.**
  - **You need to be concerned about your own spiritual wellness**
  - **We need to be a help for those who are in sin. Help them overcome it.**
  - **Don’t waste your time on those who choose not to be helped (Pray)**

#### **Notes:**

- I. **God’s promise to answer prayer (vv. 7-8)**
  - A. **Ask, Seek, Knock**
  - B. **Everyone who asks receives, seeks finds, knocks, doors open.**

#### **Notes:**

- II. God's principle in answering prayer (vv. 9-11)**
  - A. Human fathers give good gifts to their children**
    - 1. Illustration of bread/stone and fish/snake
    - 2. Human fathers are sinful, yet they give good gifts.
  - B. How much more will God give good gifts to those who ask him!**
    - 1. God is perfect, loving and righteous
    - 2. God is your heavenly Father.
  - C. Two more principles in God answering prayer**
    - 1. Your heart
    - 2. God's Wisdom and Love.

**Notes:**

- III. God's Positive Rule for Living-The Golden Rule (v. 12)**
  - A. Phrased positively rather negatively**
  - B. Phrased absolutely rather than specific circumstances.**
    - 1. "Whatever"
  - C. Jesus' reason for following the Golden Rule**
    - 1. Sums up the Law and the Prophets.

**Notes:**