

# PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

January 16, 2022

## **Sermons from the Sermon - Lesson 11 Nurturing Kingdom Relationships (Matthew 7:7-12)**

We continue our series from the Sermon on the Mount called *Sermons from the Sermon* with a section that includes principles we need to apply in nurturing two different types of relationships as subjects in God's Kingdom.

### **V\_\_\_\_\_ Relationship (7-11)**

How do we nurture our relationship with the Father? Jesus gives three ways we can care for this relationship. All three of these are in the present tense in Greek, which indicates continual action.

#### **1. \_\_\_\_\_ >> \_\_\_\_\_**

In order to nurture our relationship with the Father, we must be in constant prayer, communicating to God the needs and desires that are in our heart (Luke 18:1-8). Jesus is teaching us to ask for the things we need or desire, rather than just trying to obtain them on our own. When we pray, it should be according to His will, and we should expect that:

- God will hear us (Matthew 6:7-8; 1 John 5:13-15)
- God will provide an answer (1 John 5:13-15)

The more we grow and mature in Christ, the more we will be attuned to the will of God, just like a child continually learns and adapts to the will of their parents as they grow and mature. Remember that God's answer might not always be the one we are looking for. However, we can trust that His answer will be what is best for our eternal good (Romans 8:26-28)

Two more things to remember about prayer: (a) Ask in faith - James 1:6-7 (b) Ask with the proper motives - James 4:3

ENTER INTO HIS GATES  
*with thanksgiving,*  
AND INTO HIS COURTS  
*with praise;*  
BE THANKFUL UNTO HIM,  
*and bless his name.*  
PSALM 100:4

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***While the earth  
remains,  
Seedtime and Harvest,  
Cold and Heat,  
Winter and Summer,  
And Day and Night  
Shall not cease.  
Genesis 8:22***

2. \_\_\_\_\_ >> \_\_\_\_\_

In order to nurture our relationship with the Father, we must constantly seek Him. Earnest seeking requires diligent work that never ceases.

What are we seeking? - Truth >> Salvation >> Opportunities

How do we seek? (a) Prioritize - Matthew 6:33; (b) Study - Psalm 1:1-3; 2 Timothy 3:14-15; (c) Pray - James 1:2-5; (d) Look - Galatians 6:10

God promises that if we seek Him, we WILL find Him!

3. \_\_\_\_\_ >> \_\_\_\_\_

In the New Testament the imagery of an open door often represents taking advantage of an opportunity (Acts 14:27; 1 Corinthians 16:8-9; Colossians 16:8-9). As we are seeking, not only will God present opportunities, but if we knock on the door of those opportunities, God WILL open the door. Are we willing to knock on those doors and walk through them when God opens them?

**H\_\_\_\_\_ Relationships (12)**

In view of our relationship with God, this principle should guide us in our relationships with our fellow man. If we applied this to everyone we encountered, how would our relationships be transformed?

This verse has been known as the “Golden Rule” since the 16th or 17th century. Jesus was not the first one to present this type of concept, but He was the first to offer it in a positive way. This is because our relationship with God should compel us to be proactive in our relationships with others, not just avoid certain things. It is like the command in Leviticus about loving our neighbor that was quoted by Jesus, Paul, and James (Leviticus 19:18; Matthew 22:34-40; Romans 13:8-10; Galatians 5:13-15; James 2:8).

PRAYER LIST

- **Freddie Brown** is being treated for liver cancer
- **John Hayes** had another stroke, but is doing well at home
- **Pat Agee**, Tim's father, is doing physical therapy after his stroke
- **Isabel Johnson**, 16-year-old friend of the Agees with leukemia, has had to postpone her stem cell transplant due to covid
- **Jim Sims** continues to deal with cancer
- Continue to remember **Kristine Garrett, Faye Waller, and Ann Reed**

SERVING TODAY (January 16, 2022)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Read:** R. Mayo  
**Prayer:** C. Baker

WORSHIP

**Read:** D. Billingsley  
**Wait On Table:** J. Baker  
**Serve:** D. Demonbreun, J. Buchanan  
**Prayer:** E. Walker