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## “Ask, Seek, Knock”

(Matthew 7:7–12)

*“God is good by virtue of God, not goodness. He is wise by virtue of God, not wisdom. He is powerful by virtue of God, not power. He is love by virtue of God, not love. And when we say that God is goodness itself, wisdom itself, power itself, and love itself, we do not mean that these are so many really distinct parts or forms in God, but simply that He is all that is involved in these terms by virtue of His own divine essence as such. God is not the particular instantiation of a wonderful set of properties. Rather, there is nothing in God that is not identical with His divinity, nothing that is not just God Himself”*

~ James Dolezal

**Our heavenly Father is more desirous of \_\_\_\_\_ our spiritual needs than we are to ask.**

### 1. Glorious Invitation (vv. 7–8).

- a. Come to him \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 7).
- b. Come to him \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 8).

### 2. Gracious Father (vv. 9–11).

- a. Come as a \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 9–10).
- b. Come expecting \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 11).

### 3. Golden Rule (v. 12).

- a. We are to act with our neighbors’ best \_\_\_\_\_ in mind (v. 12a).
- b. We are to treat our neighbors in accordance with God’s standard of \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 12b).
- c. Important clarification: The \_\_\_\_\_ is NOT the \_\_\_\_\_.