

## If You Could Ask God For Anything

Luke 11:1-13

### Introduction:

- (1) If you could ask your Heavenly Father for absolutely anything, what would be your request?
- (2) Christians universally and unanimously agree that **PRAYER** is **indispensable** to the **people** of God.
- (3) However, most Christians acknowledge that often their prayer life is one of the **weakest** dimensions of their spiritual life.

**PRINCIPLE:** The **quality** of our spiritual lives will never rise and consistently stay any higher than the quality of our **prayer** lives.

- (4) Each of us is just as **spiritual** as we **choose** to be—no more, no less.

### I. The **Pattern**—11:1a

“One day Jesus was praying in a certain place.”

- A. The Person—“Jesus”
- B. The Practice—“was praying”
- C. The Place—“in a certain place”

**PRINCIPLE:** Most who do not have a regular **time** and regular **place** to pray usually do not pray regularly.

### II. The **Petition**—11:1b “Lord, teach us to pray.”

- A. Negatively—not teach us **how** to pray
- B. Positively—teach us **to pray**

### III. The **Prayer**—11:2-4

- A. Based on Relationships—“Our Father”
- B. Involves Responsibilities—“Thy name . . . kingdom . . . will”
- C. Includes Requests—but not one selfish request

### IV. The **Parables**—11:5-8, 11-12

- A. About a Friend—11:5-8  
(Teaches **Persistence**—11:9-10)
- B. About a Father—11:11-12  
(Teaches **Assurance**—11:13)

### Conclusion:

1. God **always** answers our prayers, as an **ideal** Father, giving one of the following:
  - Desired answers
  - Declined answers
  - Different answers
  - Delayed answers
2. His answers are **always** best.