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Passage: Luke 11:1-13
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Luke 11:1-13 (CSB)

¹ He was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John also taught his disciples."

² He said to them, "Whenever you pray, say,
Father,
your name be honored as holy.
Your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves also forgive everyone
in debt to us.

And do not bring us into temptation."

⁵ He also said to them: "Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him at midnight and says to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, ⁶because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I don't have anything to offer him.' ⁷Then he will answer from inside and say, 'Don't bother me! The door is already locked, and my children and I have gone to bed. I can't get up to give you anything.' ⁸I tell you, even though he won't get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his friend's shameless boldness, he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

⁹"So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

Example 1: A friend at midnight.

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Three principles From Luke 11:5-8 about asking for something from God:

1. Ask for the things you need to bless others and fulfill your call to be a part of what God is doing around you.
2. Don't ask for things you already have but are reluctant to share. Be generous with what you have, and when you don't have what you need, ask God for it.
3. Ask boldly for a generous amount – it's not for you anyway.

Example 2: A loving earthly father vs. our Heavenly Father.

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Listen to Jesus, obey Him, and allow Him to transform you into the person He wants you to be. Then when you pray God will answer your prayers because your desires and priorities will line up with God's, and the things you ask for will be the same things He wants.