

Pray Boldly

"Just Pray", Part 3 of 3
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I) BOLD PRAYING: THE STORY OF A BIG ASK

(Luke 11:5-13)

1) The principle: BOLDNESS AFFECTS BIG CHANGES.

"Then [Jesus] said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and he goes to him at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have nothing to set before him.' Then the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children are with me in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will get up and give him as much as he needs."

(Luke 11:5-8, NIV)

2) The practice: GOD CALLS US TO PRAY BOLDLY.

"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. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened."

(Luke 11:9-10, NIV)

3) The promise: GOD LOVES BIBLICALLY BOLD PRAYER.

"Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!**"

(Luke 11:11-13, NIV)

II) PRAYING BOLD: THE HEART OF A BIG ASK

1) ASK GOD and pray with the right MOTIVES.

"You do not have, because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives..."

(James 4:2d-3a, NIV)

2) SEEK GOD and pray with the right CONFIDENCE.

"Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."

(Hebrews 4:14-16, NIV)

3) APPROACH GOD and pray with the right SPIRIT.

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him."

(1 John 5:14-15, NIV)

"After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly."

(Acts 4:31, NIV)



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