Moment of Truth!
Life Passions
with a Core Focus

Asking God for the Important Stuff - A Passion for Worthwhile Pursuit
Matthew 7:7-11
Keep asking, and it will be given to you. Keep searching, and you will find. Keep knocking, and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who searches finds, and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. 9 What man among you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone?
10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? 11 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

Matthew 7:7-11
We are under the eyes of God at all times.
Genuine prayer is a wrestling that comes from desperation and intensity of passion.
Prayer is not an optional accessory for spirituality; it is the lifeblood of spirituality.
Pursuing God in prayer is more about Who He is than who I am or what I want.
The call to prayer is a call to God’s generosity.
Jesus pulls aside the veil of eternity and lets us peer into the person and character of our Heavenly Father.
We learn a few things in this passage:

- God is a good Heavenly Father
- God is generous and gracious and invites us to pray
- God sees us as we are and still loves us.
- God is good especially when we are not
  Romans 5:8  But God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- God gives good gifts
God always answers prayer, but He doesn't always answer it the way I think He should.
“We were by nature children of wrath as the others were also. But God who is rich in mercy, because of the great love He had for us, made us alive with the Messiah. . . .”

Ephesians 2:3-5
God only gives good gifts.

It’s all He’s ever done.
God made us to ask/seek/knock, for we find significance in what we pursue.

v7 “Keep asking and it will be given to you.”
Significance comes as we follow the direction God sets for our lives.
We were not made to accumulate things; we were made to pursue God and His purposes.

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be provided for you.

Matthew 6:33
THINGS can never satisfy

The one who loves money is never satisfied with money, and whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with income. This too is futile.

Ecclesiastes 5:10
But Peter said, “I don’t have silver or gold, but what I have, I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!”

Acts 3:6
Peter and John were not seeking a healing ministry, they were pursuing Jesus and knowing Him in prayer.
Genuine significance comes when I realize that I have a greater purpose in life than to live and die for myself.
What is the MAGNETIC ATTRACTION that pulls you to God?
The highest form of spirituality is love for Jesus.
What is outside of you that wakes up what is inside of you?
God loves it when we want Him more than His gifts and blessings.

He IS THE blessing.
God wants to answer my prayers in a BIG way because more is good and bigger is better.

v7-8 “Keep asking and it will be given to you... you will find... the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives”
ask, seek, knock indicate a growing intensity
HONGRY!
Hunger pushes us to ask God for BIG things... actually for ALL Things.
And the peace of God, which surpasses every thought, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7
I am able to do all things through Him who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13
And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19
God is a God worth pursuing.

The best way God can answer us is not to answer our prayers but to give us the gift of Himself.
If 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**?

Luke 11:13
In your Moment of Truth, what will you do?

More importantly, Who will you seek?