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### Matthew 7:7-11

Have you become disillusioned with prayer? Perhaps you've been persistently asking, seeking, and knocking, but God hasn't answered your request. If that's the situation, you may be wondering why so many Christians speak about the power of prayer when it seems ineffectual in your life.

Verses 9-11 of today's passage help us understand the bigger picture. Jesus draws a comparison between earthly fathers and the heavenly Father. He notes that a human father, who is flawed and limited, can give good things to his children. So it stands to reason that the heavenly Father, who is all-powerful and all-knowing, will give what's beneficial to His children.

Sometimes, however, we are like spiritual toddlers. In our limited understanding, we don't realize that our requests aren't always what God deems best for us. Prayer is powerful when our petitions are according to His will but not when they're self-willed ([1 John 5:14-15](#)).

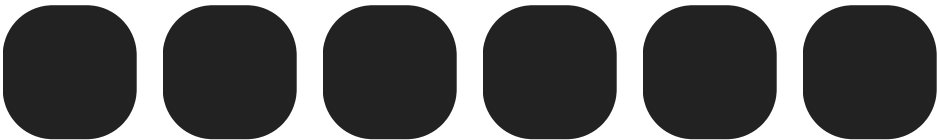
What's amazing is that God uses the prayers of His people to accomplish His plans. He's completely sufficient without us, but prayer teaches us humility, dependence, submission, and trust. Intimacy with God is built when we come to Him with our praises, thanks, confessions, and petitions. The profit of prayer is not that can we receive something but that we're able to relate to

the One who supplies all our needs.

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