

Prayerful Children Before Their Glorious Father
Luke 11:5-13 (part two)

INTRODUCTION:

Prayerful children must pray from:

I. A deep sense of their desperate need, 11:5-10.

- **Pray shamelessly, 11:5-8!**

- **Pray passionately, 11:9-10!**

- **Application #1:** Meditate on an ever-increasing list of what makes you desperate before your heavenly Father.

- **Application #2:** In each prayer, plan for 5 minutes of shameless, passionate requests based on your list.

II. An encouraging understanding of their heavenly Father, 11:11-13.

- **Pray expectantly, 11:13!**

- **Application #3:** Meditate on an ever-increasing list of the giving nature of God expressed toward you.
- **Application #4:** Ask expectantly for what God is most pleased to give – the Holy Spirit.

What does God give when He gives His Spirit to His children?

- **New birth/regeneration** – Jn 3:5-6 Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
- **Indwelling presence** – Eph 1:13 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation – having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise.
- **The thoughts of God through His word** – 1 Co 2:11-12 Who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God.
- **Conviction of sin** – Jn 16:8 And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment.
- **Gifts by which to expand His kingdom** – 1 Co 12:11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.
- **Increasing transformation of life** – 2 Co 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.
- **Power to witness boldly in the mission** – Ac 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.
- **Help in our weakness in prayer** – Rm 8:26 In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.
- **Etc.**