

The Message Notes

Message: *Don't Stop*

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Text: Matthew 7:7 (NLT)



Matthew 7:7. Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you.

Objective: To encourage Christ-followers to place a premium on **pursuing** and **developing** a personal relationship with God (*through Christ*) and others.

What was the biggest prayer request you ever made to God? What do you do in the waiting period? _____

Points to the Message:

1. To receive, it's okay to _____. Matthew 7:7a

a. Are you asking with the right **motive**? James 4:3 _____

b. Be **persistent** with your plea (*petition*). Proverbs 24:16a (KJV); Luke 18:4-5

Does God get tired of me asking? Are there any limitations when we talk to God?

c. Do you know there's a _____ taking place? Daniel 10:12-14 NLT

How long should one pray about a situation? Can heaven hear your prayers?
1 Thessalonians 5:16 _____

2. You will find, if you keep on **seeking**. Matthew 7:7b

Seeking involves asking, plus action. James 2:17

When was the last time you sought (*past-tense*) the Lord? Where are you in your personal journey seeking (*present-tense*) His face? Psalm 105:4

a. Make Him a **priority**! Matthew 6:33; Isaiah 55:6; James 4:8

How do we seek God? Ask yourself, how bad do you need Him? _____

b. What are some practical ways you can start seeking God **first**? Proverbs 8:17

1. Start your day with prayer
2. Read something and try to memorize a verse for the week. (Psalm 119:11)
3. Play back the Sermon
4. Journal
5. Take every struggle to God
6. Corporate Prayer & Worship (Hebrews 10:25)

3. _____ requires action (*faith*) on our part that opens the door.
Matthew 7:7c

Knocking can be considered **importunity** (*describes a plea that is so persistent or demanding that it becomes annoying*). Luke 11:5-8

How far would you go for a friend? Are you willing to risk being denied? _____

Do you have a willingness to be a blessing to others or do you see assisting others a hassle? _____

Reflection:

What have you been *asking* God for, *seeking* God for, and *knocking* on Heaven's door for?

Name three takeaways that will help you today or this week:

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____