

## MAKING PRAYER POWERFUL Luke 11:1-13 (NIV)

*“One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Lord teach us to pray.’”* Luke 11:1 (NIV)

### I. THE PATTERN OF PRAYER

*“He said to them, ‘When you pray, say: ‘Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.’”* Luke 11:2-4 (NIV)

### II. THE PARABLE ABOUT PRAYER

*“Then he 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)

WHAT MAKES PRAYER POWERFUL IS PERSISTENCE.

### III. THE PROMISE WHEN YOU PRAY

*“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)

What happens when you pray persistently:

- YOU GET WHAT YOU ASK FOR
- GOD CHANGES YOU
- YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND

### IV. THE PERSON WHO HONORS YOUR 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)