# Prevailing of Persistent Prayer



<sup>1</sup>Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."<sup>2</sup> And he said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. <sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread, 4 and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation."

<sup>5</sup> And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, <sup>6</sup> for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; <sup>7</sup> and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'?

<sup>8</sup> I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. <sup>9</sup> And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be

What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent;<sup>12</sup> or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> 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!"

#### Prov. 30:7-9 (ESV)

<sup>7</sup> Two things I ask of you; deny them not to me before I die: <sup>8</sup> Remove far from me falsehood and lying; give me neither poverty nor riches; <u>feed me with the food</u> <u>that is needful for me, <sup>9</sup> lest I be full and deny you and</u> <u>say, "Who is the LORD?" or lest I be poor and steal</u> and profane the name of my God

## <u>Honouring or glorifying God</u> <u>ASK</u>

- <u>A Ask</u> easy technique that requires no movement
- <u>S Seek</u> action or activity in pursuit of God's desire for us.
- <u>K</u> <u>Knocking</u> praying with utter earnestness and desperation
   <u>A Prevailing for the Holy Spirit</u>

Prevailing or persistent prayer is the pathway to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our lives. – Dr John Piper.

### Prevailing or Persistent prayer

1.If you review your prayer life, would you consider it to be good or bad?
2.Would you say you have a committed prayer life?
3.What do you most often pray for?
4.Why do you think prayer should be about?

Small group discussion