

Life Church Sermon Notes for September 11, 2011
Our Father Provides Good Gifts
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Matthew 7:7-11

7 “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. 9 “Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? 11 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 good gifts to those who ask him!

Matthew 6: 9-13

9 “This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, 10 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us today our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Matthew 6:31-34

31 So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

James 1:2-8

2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,[a] whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. 4 Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. 5 If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. 6 But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. 7 That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. 8 Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

Proverbs 3:13) 13 Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding,

Proverbs 18:22) 22 He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the LORD

Psalms 37:4) 4 Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart

Jeremiah 29:11) 11 For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Scripture questions

1. What kind of gifts do you think the Father wants to give you?
2. As Disciples of Jesus what would be your "Daily Bread"?
3. As Disciples of Jesus what would be some of your "Spiritual Needs"?
4. As Disciples what would be some things you would seek?
5. As Disciples what would be some opportunities for ministry for you?
6. Do you see yourself as a Disciple of Jesus Christ?
7. Have you ever asked the Father what his plan is for you?