

Mt.7.12 “KINGDOM CHARACTER- Start Loving”
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Reasons for obeying the command to love others as ourselves:

I. GOD’S P_____ TO HIS SAINTS [CHILDREN] DEMANDS IT vv.7–8

Our heavenly Father sets the example in His G_____ to us.

The Golden R_____ (v.12) is the bridge between a C_____ spirit & spiritual growth.

[These considerations drive us to call on the Lord.]

God’s W_____ is among our greatest needs - The means for achieving is petitioning P_____. (Ja.1.5).

God gives enough truth for us to be R_____, but enough mystery for us to be D_____.

Verses vv.7–8 are not a blank check for just anyone to present to God:

- ✚ **First** of all, the promise is V_____ only for believers.
 - ❖ Two overriding relationships in Matthew are those of God’s K_____ & God’s F_____.
 - The kingdom concept deals with R_____, &
 - The family concept deals with R_____.

The two greatest realities of Christian truth are that God is our F_____ & Christians are our B_____. (Gal. 6:10; Ep.2.19; I Jn.1.2–3; 2.1, 13; 3.1; 4.14; I Jn.3.10; 5.2; I Jn.2.9–11; 3.10–12; 4.20;).

✚ **Second**, the one who claims this promise must be living in O_____ to his Father. (I Jn.3.22).

✚ **Third**, our M_____ in asking must be right. (Ja.4.3)

✚ **Fourth**, we must be S_____ to His will. (6.24; Ja.1.7–8; I Jn.5.14).

- ❖ To have C_____ in answered prayer on any other basis is to have
 - a false & presumptuous confidence that the Lord makes no promise to honor.

✚ **Fifth**, is P_____, suggested by the present imperative tenses of **ask, seek, & knock**.

- The idea is that of C_____ & constancy:
- We also see a progression of I_____ in the three verbs;
 - simple A_____
 - aggressive S_____
 - still more aggressive K_____.

The progression in intensity also suggests that our sincere requests to the Lord are not to be P_____.

II. GOD’S P_____ FOR HIS SAINTS [CHILDREN] DEMANDS IT vv.9–11

God’s N_____ should be reflected in our lives.

It is not natural for a father to ignore either the P_____ or the S_____ needs of his son.

There is no L_____ to what God will give to us when we ask in obedience & according to His will.

God will infinitely outdo them in M_____ & in B_____.

We should so treat others well because we are those who bear His L_____.

III. GOD’S P_____ FOR HIS SAINTS [CHILDREN] DEMANDS IT v.12

No capacity within an U_____ to love this way exists .

They cannot S_____ selflessness - they do not have the divine resource.

How we **treat** others is not to be determined by how we,

- E_____ them to treat us or
- by how we think they S_____ treat us, but
- by how we W_____ them **to treat** us.

Selfless love serves in the W_____ it likes being served—
...whether it ever receives such service or not.