

## It is time to make a smart choice

<sup>7</sup> Ask, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened to you.

<sup>8</sup> Because everyone who asks, receives. The one who seeks, finds. To the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

<sup>9</sup> Who among you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone?

<sup>10</sup> Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake?

<sup>11</sup> Even though you are evil, you know how to give good gifts to your children.

Therefore, how much more will your Father in Heaven give good things to those who ask Him?

<sup>12</sup> So, in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, because this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 7:7-12

### <sup>1</sup>Smart choices . . . . . my alternatives

I always have multiple . . . . .

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God's will for my life is:

2 Peter 3:9b

1 Thessalonians 4:3-8

1 Peter 2:15

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Doing God's will

John 7:17

John 8:31-32

1 Corinthians 2:14

### <sup>2</sup>Smart choices . . . . . best outcomes

Psalms 23:4, 1

In a . . . . . world I have . . . . . options

Genesis 1:27

Among good options, . . . . . the Godliest

James 1:2-5

### <sup>3</sup>Smart choices . . . . . from the Bible

. . . . . what is best for people

Galatians 6:2, 5, 10

. . . . . is made on the path

A

B

C

## My prayer priorities for this week

S 16 Joan J

M 17 Lyn K

T 18 Elsie & Bert

W 19 Our internet viewers

T 20 Karen & Hung

F 21 Vi-Lay L

S 22 Jake & Simone, Olivia

S 23 Mary P

## Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion.

1. What is the oddest thing for which you have ever asked (in any context)?
2. Jesus noted three different ways to approach God, v7-8. How are these different from one another, and what are they like in practice?
3. Jesus did promise all our requests would be answered in some way. a) Why will we always get an answer? b) Why are we not promised to get exactly what we ask for?
4. List some ways by which we can learn to ask for what God wants to give to us?
5. This text about prayer, does not end with us getting but with us giving, v12a. How does that make sense?
6. Explain what Jesus meant by His concluding statement, "...because this is the core of the Law and the Prophets."

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