

The Faith Script

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“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks, it will be opened....” (Matthew 7:7-8). “So, whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.” (Matthew 7:12) (ESV)

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For years, I read Matthew 7:7-11 and missed that verse 12 is actually part of this key passage on prayer. Although we could explore many implications of prayer, I would like to share a recent challenge in my own life. The actual conclusion to this passage is focused on how we treat others. In fact, the passage implies that it is by our requests of the Lord that we can actually treat others like we desire to be treated. As we struggle with treating others appropriately, Jesus challenged us to first go to the Father and request His intervention.

I wonder how many times we fail to treat other people like we desire to be treated ourselves. As pharmacists, do we treat patients appropriately...as Jesus would treat them? Do we treat our colleagues, our friends, our family members like Jesus would treat them? If you were to survey those around you, do others recognize your servant's heart? What if you surveyed your enemies? How would they say that they are treated by you? If you are like me, you may recognize that it is tough to treat ALL people in a manner that is honoring to our Lord. Jesus taught earlier in this sermon that “For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have?”

Thankfully, Jesus gave us the key to our relationship to others. He challenged us to seek our Lord. In other words, do I pray for every person I interact with? Do I pray for those who disagree with me? Do I pray for my angry patients? Do I pray for the waitress who serves me? Personally, I have embraced a lifestyle of praying for all those I interact with. I have come to depend upon my God for the outcomes, which have been significant, to say the least.

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