Parables are simply stories that are told to show religious, moral or philosophical principles. They provide simple comparisons of things that naturally occur. The use of parables by Jesus are the keys to life, righteousness, holiness, balance and ultimately the keys to the Kingdom. The people, places, things, and situations reveal a temporal truth… but more than that they represent an eternal spiritual reality.

PARABLE	MATTHE	MARK	LUKE	John
Lamp Under a Basket	**5:14-16**	**4:21,22**	**8:16,17**	
.	**.**	**.**	**11:33-36**	
Bread of life				**6:31-38**
A Wise Man Builds on Rock	**7:24-27**	**.**	**6:47-49**	
and a Fool on Sand	**.**	**.**	**.**	
New Cloth on and Old	**9:16**	**2:21**	**5:36**	
New Wine in Old Wineskins	**9:17**	**2:22**	**5:37,38**	
The Sower	**13:3-23**	**4:2-20**	**8:4-15**	
The Tares (Weeds)	**13:24-30**	**.**	**.**	
The Mustard Seed	**13:31,32**	**4:30-32**	**13:18,19**	
The Leaven	**13:33**	**.**	**13:20,21**	
The Hidden Treasure	**13:44**	**.**	**.**	
The Pearl of Great Price	**13:45,46**	**.**	**.**	
The Dragnet	**13:47-50**	**.**	**.**	
The Good shepherd				**10:1-18**
The Householder	**13:52**	**.**	**.**	
The Lost Sheep	**18:12-14**	**.**	**15:3-7**	
The Unforgiving Servant	**18:23-35**	**.**	**.**	
The Workers in the Vineyard	**20:1-16**	**.**	**.**	
The Two Sons	**21:28-32**	**.**	**.**	
The Wicked Tenants	**21:33-45**	**12:1-12**	**20:9-19**	
The Wedding Feast	**22:2-14**	**.**	**14:16-24**	

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The Fig Tree	**24:32-44**	**13:28-32**	**21:29-33**	
The Ten Virgins	**25:1-13**	**.**	**.**	
The Talents / The Minas (Pounds)	**25:14-30**	**.**	**19:11-27**	
The Growing Seed	**.**	**4:26-29**	**.**	
The Watchful Porter	**.**	**13:33-37**	**.**	
The Creditor and Two	**.**		**7:41-43**	
The Good Samaritan	**.**		**10:30-37**	
A Friend in Need	**.**		**11:5-13**	
The Rich Fool	**.**		**12:16-21**	
The Faithful and Wise	**.**		**12:35-40**	
Faithful and Wicked Steward	**24:45-51**		**12:42-48**	
The Barren Fig Tree			**13:6-9**	
The Lowest Seat			**14:7-11**	
Building a Tower and Making War			**14:25-35**	
The Lost Coin			**15:8-10**	
The Lost Son			**15:11-32**	
The Shrewd Manager			**16:1-13**	
The Rich Man and Lazarus			**16:19-31**	
Unprofitable Servants			**17:7-10**	
The Persistent Widow			**18:1-8**	
The Pharisee and the Tax Collector			**18:9-14**	
Vine and branches				**15:1-17**

Luke 11:5-13 “Then he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and he goes to him at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have nothing to set before him.' "Then the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children are with me in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' I tell you, though he will not get up and

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give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will get up and give him as much as he needs. "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 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 the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

We find in our lesson for today a wealth of blessing from the mouth of Jesus the Christ. We have to remember that these are not the words of Bob, or Kevin, Jessie of Jennifer; but these are the words of Jesus. These are the words of life, these are not lies, these are not half truths, these are fully the words of one that the bible declares as having no deceit found in him. When we look at this parables I want you to focus on seven (7) specific points.

- Selflessness
- Persistence
- Boldness
- Providence
- Promise
- And
- Power

"Suppose one of you has a friend, and he goes to him at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have nothing to set before him."

One thing to look at, at the outset of this parable is that at some point all of us are, will be, or have been in need. If you have gone through your life and have never had missed need, thank God for that great big blessing. But for those who understand what I am talking about, no matter how that need has manifested itself. You may have needed food, water, clothing, prayer, healing, comfort, peace of mind… on and on we could list a litany of needs that we are, will or have experienced. SO we find a man here that is in need. Now this man is not only in need for self but also for a friend that is staying with him. This man shows us selflessness in that he did not come wanting anything for him self but for someone else. There is something that can be said for that person that comes not for self but for the blessings of someone else. If you want to truly find favor with God come to the alter not for self but for someone else. Look at the life of Solomon. Solomon came to the lord and dis not ask anything for self, but asked the Lord give me the wisdom to lead your people and this simple request turned into not only wisdom but also great wealth. This man comes to a friend seeking bread.

One thing that we have to be careful of is declaring to the one in need is that this is not the time nor the place. We don't have time for you, I am too busy, I am already tucked in for the night, To many times as Christians we are only willing to help when it is convenient for us.
"Then the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children are with me in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.'"
Those of us that have experienced need in our lives realize that needs truly surface in the midnight hour. We have to ask ourselves the question, am I willing to help even in moments of inconvenience.

...But we have to look pass the man inside of the houses reaction because when it was said and done the man provided everything that the man needed. Here we find persistence and perseverance . We have to be willing at time to stay at the door knocking, in the hopes that the one on the indie will answer. You can not take you pray and petition to God just once if it is something that you are in need of.

"I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will get up and give him as much as he needs."

The book of Hebrews tells us in the 4 chapter 10 verse "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." There is something to say about boldness. Peter and John pray for more boldness to preach the word of Christ.

This is not an arrogance, this is not the feeling of entitlement, this is a boldness that declares I have a God who can do all things but fail, and I am a sheep of his pasture. This boldness comes in the sense that you as believers of Jesus are a royal priesthood of believers, and in going to the throne of grace you are entering into the holy of holies. That is a bold move, you have to understand that the priest; when they entered the holy of holies they would tie a rope around their waist, They would have bells around the bottom of their garment. As they entered in beyond the vail, if the priest on the outside heard no bells they would pull the rope to get the priest. Entering into the throne of grace is bold move for people that are steeped in sin.

"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened."

Jesus in the next few versus shows us the providence and the promise of God the father. **Providence** is the method by which we get to the **Promise**, it speaks of a divine intervention, it is us reaching and God blessing.

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Providence: the protective care of God; timely preparation for future eventualities.

Promise: A declaration or assurance that one will do a particular thing or that a particular thing will happen.

Jesus indicates that as with the man all be have to do is come to the door and ask for that for which we need. That is glorious news for those who have ever found themselves in want. You have not because you ask not, this is the point for which we have to come to the father with all boldness. To many times we come to God with unspecific prays. We pray for things in the abstract,

“Lord God I come before you asking for peace in my midnight hour.”

Well what is your midnight hour, What is your that thing that you need to have released. Yes God knows all things, but sometimes he wants us to identify that things name it and bind it, the Word of God declares what ever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven and what so ever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. What is that thing you need loosed, what is that thing that you need bound. One of the things that we also must look at is the very fact that God when God gave dominion to Adam, he instructed him to name those things that he had dominion over. When Adam went to name those things he did not say furry thingie, tall thingie with things sticking out, thingies that grow up from ground…No is said lion, oak tree, grass.
“Oh Lord bless me indeed, enlarge my territory” is great to pray…but sometimes we have to be specific about what we ask of the Lord.

"Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 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 the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

God will provide exactly what you ask for… Ask and you shall receive, knock and the door will be open!

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