



### Day Three

Listen to the episode. Read the following questions, and write your answers in the box provided.

**Hey you, pig! Whoa. It's a slap in the face, isn't it? Why do insults hurt? And why does language have such power? Write some thoughts below.**

**Reflection: This passage teaches us to give our trust and loyalty to God rather than Gentile rulers and their sycophants. Stassen and Gushee.** It's up to you whether you agree with S & G. If you believe S & G have a case, then is there a contemporary application? If this passage is ultimately about trust, then whom are you tempted to trust instead of God? Think over what it means to truly trust God for everything. Ask God to show you areas of your life that you haven't entrusted to him, and ask him for guidance and strength to take appropriate action. Prayer.

### Day Four

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**Some believe that the escalation from asking to seeking to knocking is Jesus' way of urging greater and greater intensity in prayer.** Do you agree? What is your experience of seeking God with increasing intensity? Write down some thoughts about your prayer life, as they relate to crying out to God with ever greater intensity.

**Reflection:** If Jesus teaches "for everyone who asks, receives," then why does he call for this escalation? How do you pray for specific things, while at the same time trusting that God will answer in the way he sees fit? This is not an easy question to answer, which is why prayer contains a mystical element in many faith traditions. Whichever tradition you come from, ask God to lead you deeper and deeper this week into intimacy with him. All traditions agree that prayer is about the soul drawing closer to God. So, pray specifically for the concerns on your heart. And also, enjoy spending extra time just enjoying God's presence as you pray. Prayer.



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**Ask, Seek, Knock: Matthew 7.6-12    Week 11**

## Day Five

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Dallas Willard teaches that this passage is focused on inter-personal relationships. Do you agree? Write some thoughts below.

**Reflection:** Why does the Golden Rule have such power? Be specific in thinking over some relationships in your life in which you're not applying the Golden Rule in quite the way you know you ought to. You're judging too much. You're not loving a person as you know you would like to be loved. Allow God to convict you and show you a specific situation that requires your attention, if you're to truly follow the way of Jesus. Ask God for his grace, mercy and strength to tackle your own sin. Then, following the earlier teaching from the Sermon, do something loving for someone who has hurt you. And do it in secret. Start to trust that in Jesus, it is possible to follow his teaching. Prayer.