

# “Giving Good Gifts”

Based on Matthew 7:9-11 (NIV)  
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*Matthew 7:9-10*

9 "Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone?  
10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake?"

† **The child is asking his earthly father for what the child needs.**

*Matthew 7:11 - 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 good gifts to those who ask him!*

† **Even cruel and uncaring parents can give good gifts to their children.**

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† **What comes to my mind when I hear the word “dad”?**

*(List a few things)*

† **What comes to my children’s, or other’s, mind about me when they hear my name?**

*(List a few things)*

*Matthew 7:11b - ...how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!*

† **God is a loving Father who understands, who cares, who comforts, and who willingly gives.**

† **The Holy Spirit is God’s greatest gift that God can give to anyone.**

*Matthew 7:11c - ...who ask him!*

† **I have to make my way to God.**

† **God gives Himself totally to me, but I have to sincerely ask.**

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† **As I learn to know God better as my loving heavenly Father, it changes me.**

† **I learn to ask for what is good for me, and then God fulfills that need.**

## **Applying Today’s Message to My Life:**

† What do I *need* from God?

† How have I asked?

† How have I helped God in meeting this need?