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Matthew 7:7-14

We are used to thinking of God as our heavenly Father, so we forget that most people don't think of him in that way. For example, the Jews in Jesus's day thought of God as a king or judge and they treated him accordingly. Some people I know think God is angry with them. They often give up trying to please him. Others figure he has more important things to worry about; so they do whatever they please.

Jesus wanted to change the way we relate to God, so he gave us a spiritual exercise. He challenged us to ask of God so he could prove his love and concern by giving us good gifts. That is what God decides is good for us. God won't bless bad behavior or reinforce selfishness. He does, however, help those who seek the good of others. God really is a father who wants to train the hearts of his kids.

Have you been asking for the wrong things? Are you tempted to spend God's blessings on selfish pleasures (see James 4:1-3)? Why not ask God to help you bless another person; and then watch as your heavenly Father pours his blessing into your life.

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