

“LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY”

LUKE 11:1-13

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II. The Illustration: God is a Generous and Gracious Heavenly Father

¹¹“Now suppose one of you fathers is asked by his son for a fish; he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he? ¹²“Or if he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he? ¹³“If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?”

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