

## **Father Christmas: Where Do You Take Your Christmas Wish List? (Luke 11:5-13)**

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*[5] And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, [6] for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; [7] and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? [8] I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. [9] And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. [10] For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. [11] What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; [12] or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? [13] If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" [Luke 11:5-13]*

1. Knowing God as Father is better than friendship (Father Friendship).
2. Our Heavenly Father loves for us to come to Him regularly with impudent, shameless, bold, and persistent asking, seeking, and knocking (Father Faith).
3. The Father delights in providing for our needs, and you are never a bother or annoyance to Him (Father Full).
4. Go to the Father first, before you go to any people, and then go to people if He leads you to them (Father First).

Bottom Line: The Father gave the Christ what we deserve so that we could get what the Son deserves (Fellowship with Father Christmas, Jesus Christ, & The Holy Spirit)

*[2] ... You do not have, because you do not ask. [3] You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. [James 4:2-3]*

*[7] "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. [8] For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. [9] Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? [10] Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? [11] If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him! [Matt. 7:7-11]*

*[41] ...he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, [42] saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done." [Luke 22:41-42]*

*[46] And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" [Matt. 27:46]*