

Giving & Receiving

Matthew 7:6–12

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- Proper giving (Matt 7:6)
- Proper receiving (Matt 7:7–11)
- Proper giving (Matt 7:12)



Proper Giving (Matt 7:6)

- “Do not toss *the* holy things to the dogs” (7:6a)
- Exodus 22:31 said, “Be holy people, i.e., don’t eat animals torn in the field by wild-beasts; instead, toss that meat to the dogs.”
- Properly killed animal were sacred meat (kosher); animals accidentally killed were unholy meat—fit only for the dogs.
- I.e., Kosher meat is not for the dogs!



Proper Giving (Matt 7:6)

- “Do not throw *your* pearls before the pigs” (7:6b)
- Deuteronomy 14:7 said, “The pig is unclean although it has a split hoof; it does not chew the cud. You are not to eat their meat or touch their carcasses.”
- Proverb 11:22 said, “Like a gold ring in a pig’s snout is a beautiful woman who shows no discretion.”
- I.e., Valuable things are not for unclean pigs.



Proper Giving (Matt 7:6)

- “Because, they stomp on them [kosher; pearls], turn around, and attack you!” (7:6c)
- The dogs don’t understand the importance of kosher meat; the pigs don’t understand the importance of pearls.
- Instead, their instinct is wasting and attacking.

Proper Giving (Matt 7:6)

- Proper giving = giving to the person who values
 - Canaanite woman (Matt 15:21–28)
 - Multiplying servant (Matt 25:14–30)

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Proper Receiving (Matt 7:7–11)

- Ask . . . it will be given to you (7:7a)
- Everyone who asks receives it (7:8a)
 - A little grammar: divine passive (ask . . . it will be given to you **by God**); gnomic (milk is white; “receives” is the norm)
 - James 1:5; 4:2–3
 - Matthew 7:9–11

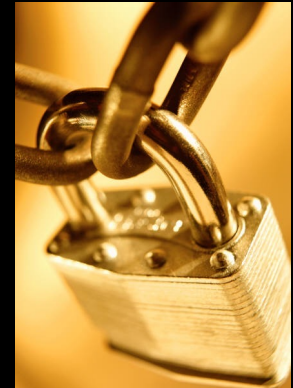


Proper Receiving (Matt 7:7–11)

- Seek . . . you will find (7:7b)
- Everyone who seeks [something] finds it (7:8a)
 - Grammar: it's active voice; gnomic
 - Matthew 13:45; 18:12; Luke 15:8



Proper Receiving (Matt 7:7–11)



- Knock . . . it will be open to you (7:7b)
- Everyone who knocks [on a door] it will be open to him/her (7:8a)
 - Grammar: back to passive voice; gnomic
 - Matthew 7:13–14; [Next week's lesson]

Proper Receiving (Matt 7:7–11)

- Ask . . . it will be given to you (7:7a)
- Everyone who asks receives it (7:8a)
 - Matthew 7:9–11
 - If a son asks for a bread, will a father give a stone?
 - If a son asks for a fish, will the father give a snake?
 - If you—in your mere humanness, prone to evil—know to give to your children good gifts, will not the heavenly Father give you good gifts? (Luke 11:13)

Proper Giving/Receiving

- Proper giving = giving to the person who values
- Proper receiving = asking, seeking, and knocking for the good gifts, knowing the character of our heavenly Father
 - David (2 Sam 12:15–25)
 - The Lord Jesus (Matt 26:36–44)
 - James 4:2–3

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Proper Giving (Matt 7:12)

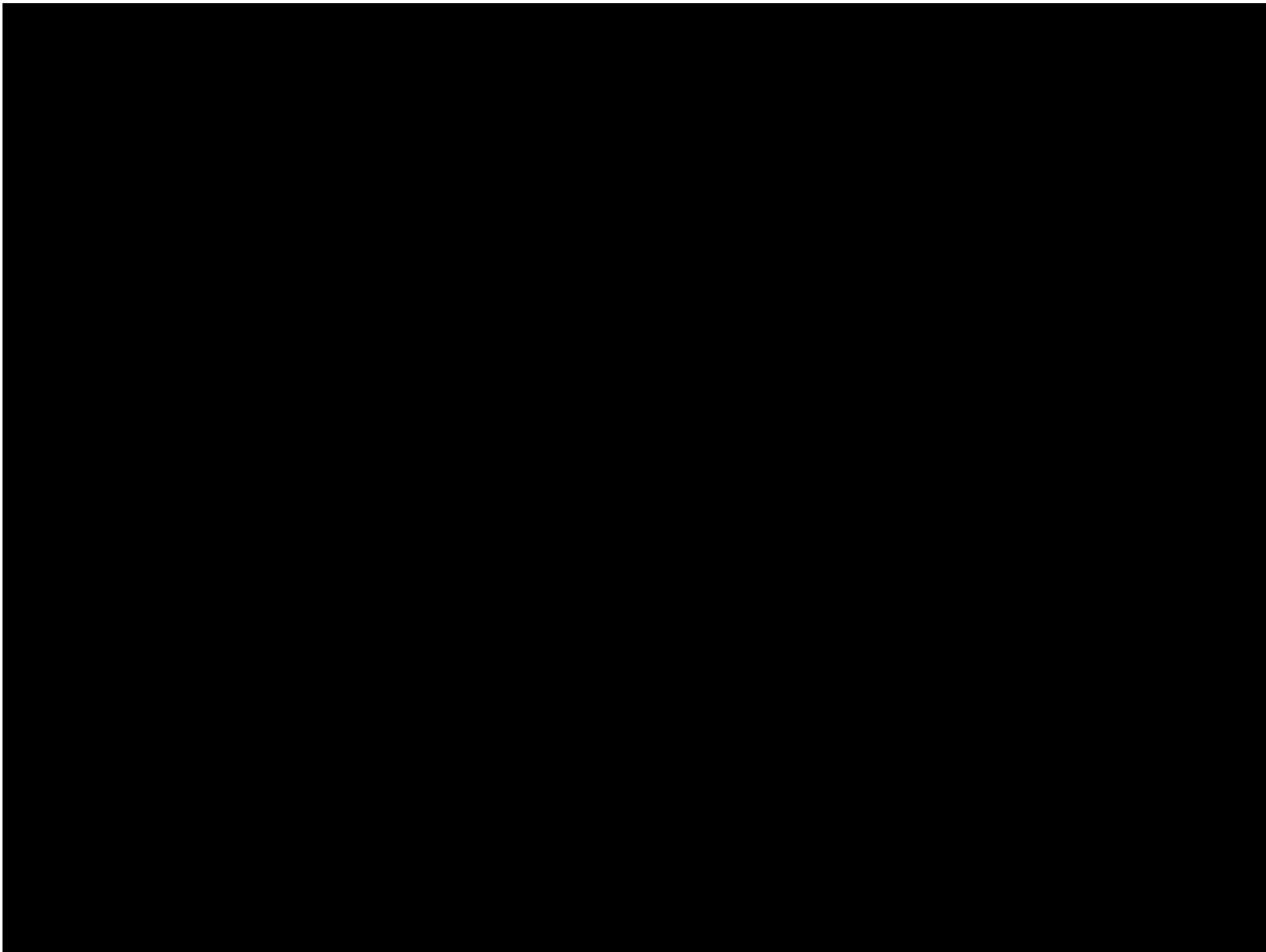
- “Therefore, in everything you expect others to do for you, you likewise do for them” (7:12a)
 - action = if you expect others to respect you, you respect them first
 - gifts = if you wish to receive a million \$, give a million first (i.e., be generous before you expect others to be generous)
- “This is what the law and the prophets say” (7:12b)

Proper Giving/Receiving

- Proper giving = giving to the person who values
- Proper receiving = asking, seeking, and knocking for the good gifts, knowing the character of our heavenly Father
- Proper giving = giving what you wish to receive
 - 2 Cor 8:9; Phil 2:5–11; 2 Cor 9:6

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- Proper receiving = asking, seeking, and knocking for the good gifts, knowing the character of our heavenly Father
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