

The friend at midnight – Luke 11:5-13

Lessons in persisting



Erroneous beliefs

- *That prayer is more powerful if it is prayed with raw emotion.*
- *That God will only answer when you pray repeatedly*
- *You gain special favour from God by identifying more with Jesus when you pray agonised prayers.*
- *You become more mature the longer you pray for something.*
- *If you pray like a little child asking again and again and again, eventually the Father will relent and give you what you asked for.*

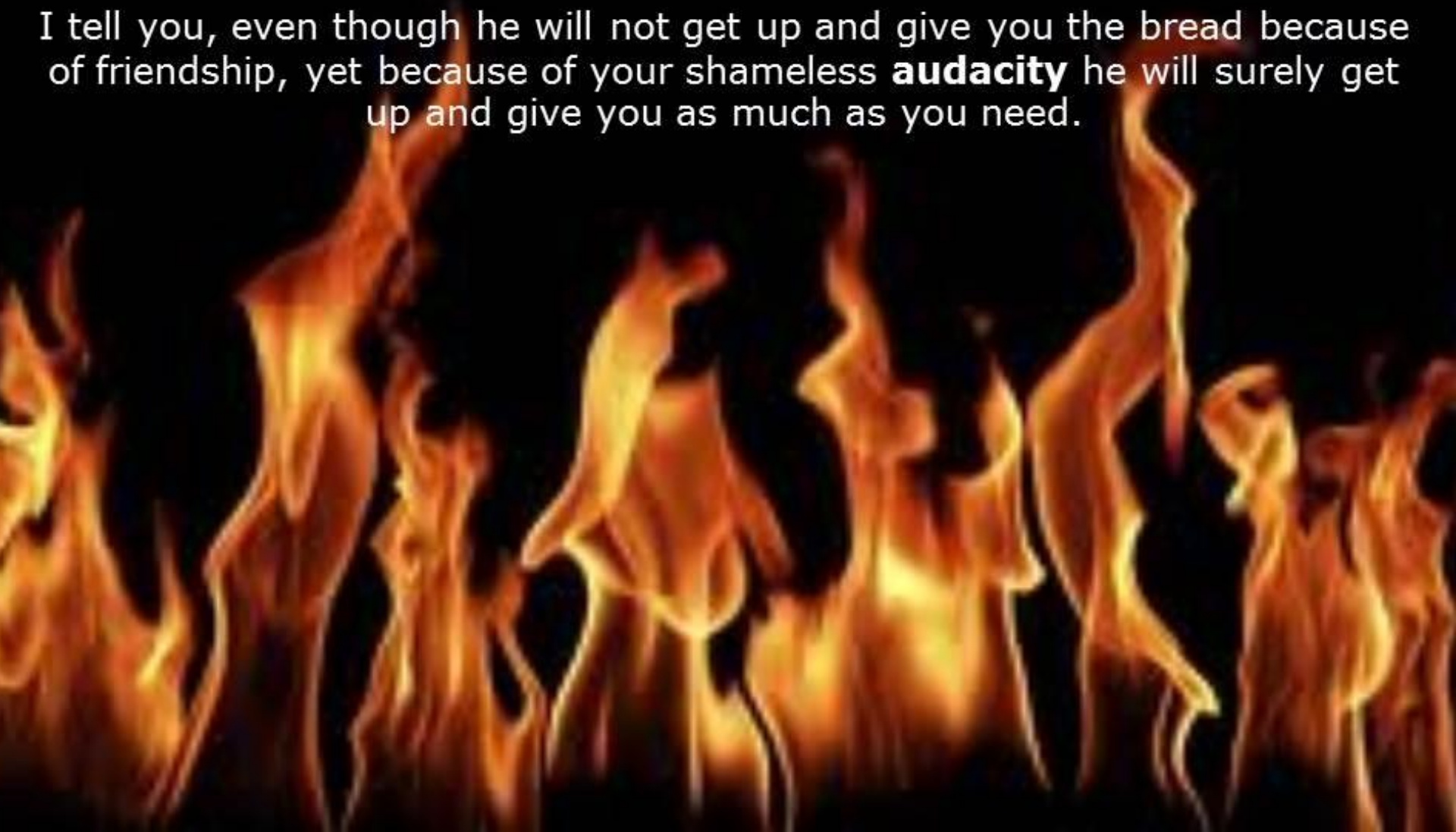
....if a human being, motivated by annoyance rather than friendship, will respond to persistence, then **how much more** will God, who is loving and generous, surely respond to the persistent prayers of His children.



SHAMELESS AUDACITY

Luke 11:8

I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless **audacity** he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.



Verse 8

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The God who provides.



God's motivation to answer prayer is not solely based on friendship or familiarity, or on us doing the right things to appease him, but rather **on His character as a loving and responsive Father.**



KNOCKING ON HEAVEN'S DOOR

A NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY OF
PETITIONARY PRAYER

David Crump

“We are extended an open invitation to enter God’s presence, bringing our needs at any time of day or night, regardless of our disposition or manner of request, knowing that our Father always hears us the very first time”.



God is good. He doesn't operate on a one-dimensional human timeline. There is room for mystery; God cannot be fathomed. But he can be trusted.

**You might not always get what you want
but you will receive what you need.**



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 11:13

- He loves you.
- He is a good, good Father.
- Ask without shame
- Ask with boldness
- **Ask audaciously!**