

# The Midnight Visitor

One day Jesus was talking with his disciples and they were asking him about prayer. So Jesus told them this story.

'Imagine a man,' he said, 'who was tired after a long day. He was just about to go to bed when he heard a knock at the door.'

**RAT-A-TAT-TAT**

He opened the door and there was an old friend who had been travelling all day and was asking if He could stay the night.'



The man was delighted to see his friend and invited him in but then he realised he had no food to give to him. In those days it was thought to be really rude to invite someone in and then not give them something to eat.

'Oh no!' he thought, 'What shall I do?'

Then he had an idea. He had another friend who lived nearby and even though it was nearly midnight he set off to go and ask him if he could give him some bread to share with his old friend.



When he got to his friend's house he knocked on the door.

**RAT-A-TAT-TAT**



There was no answer. He knocked again a bit louder.

**RAT-A-TAT-TAT**

His friend looked out of the window and shouted,

'What on earth do you want at this time of night?'

The man explained that he just wanted some bread to share with an old friend who had just arrived but his friend replied,

'Don't bother me at this time of night. We're all in bed I can't get up now and wake everybody up.'

His friend left the window and went back to bed.

**BUT** ... the man really needed some bread for his hungry friend so he knocked again,

**RAT-A-TAT-TAT**

... and again,

**RAT-A-TAT-TAT**

... and again, this time even louder,

**RAT-A-TAT-TAT**

**At last** the door opened and the man's friend gave him everything he needed.



So the man rushed home and was able to give his old friend some food.

Jesus then explained to the disciples man's friend had given him the food not just because he was his friend but because he kept on asking. Jesus told them to remember this when they prayed:

*'ask and it will be given you,  
seek and you will find,  
knock and the door will be opened to you'  
Luke 11:9*

**So what does this mean for us?**



Sometimes when we pray we get an answer to our prayers immediately but sometimes we have to wait a bit longer. So we just have to keep on asking and He will always give us what we need.



**Prayer**

Dear God,

Thank you that you love us so much.

Thank you that you answer our prayers.

Help us to keep on asking because we know you will answer our prayers.

Help us to keep on searching and looking to you, fixing eyes on Jesus.

Help us to keep on knocking knowing that you will open the door.

Amen

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Luke 11:5-13

Can you find these words:-

midnight

bed

house

door

friend

bread

ask

seek

knock

visitor

b	a	m	i	d	n	i	g	h	t
x	e	e	t	o	l	k	o	e	u
v	r	d	f	o	m	d	h	d	k
i	t	e	s	r	a	b	a	t	v
h	o	u	s	e	i	e	a	l	i
c	m	k	r	j	r	e	n	o	s
w	e	y	n	b	r	k	n	u	i
c	b	n	k	o	g	a	d	d	t
s	e	e	k	r	c	s	t	s	o
f	i	d	m	e	d	k	e	b	r



What can you learn about prayer from this parable?  
Look at Luke 11:9

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## The Parable of the Midnight Visitor

*Luke 11:5-13*



The man knocked at the door to ask for food to give to his friend and he kept on knocking.

## Links for 'The Midnight visitor'

### Pictures

<https://www.freebibleimages.org/illustrations/rg-midnight-visitor/>

<https://www.freebibleimages.org/illustrations/parable-visitor/>

### Videos

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AoBH7VPxn\\_Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AoBH7VPxn_Q)

Christian Kids TV (3mins)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1fnEIIVTOrs>

Campaign Kerusso (2mins)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4vn5QAkoNoM> ?

J&S Authentic biblical Productions

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bhea\\_Z2Rhgg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bhea_Z2Rhgg)

From Scripture (4mins)

