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Heart  
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Keys to God's

Acts 2, Luke 11

## What are the keys to God's heart?

### I. Keys in the Bible.

Acts 2:42-47 *They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. 44 And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; 45 and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. 46 Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.*

- Early Church –
- Over time –
- Then some faithful people –

### II. Are there truly keys to God's grace?

Wesley defines Means of Grace, "Outward signs, words, or actions ordained of God, and appointed for this end, to be the ordinary channels whereby he (God) might convey to men, preventing, justifying and sanctifying grace." (P 152)

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### III. The Biblical Keys to God's Heart.

#### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ -

Luke 11:5-10 *Then He said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and goes to him at midnight and says to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves; 6 for a friend of mine has come to me from a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; 7 and from inside he answers and says, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been shut and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' 8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will get up and give him as much as he needs. 9 So I say to 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 he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it will be opened."*

#### 2. Searching the \_\_\_\_\_ -

Acts 17:11-12 *Now these (Bereans) were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word (Gospel) with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so. 12 Therefore many of them believed, along with a number of prominent Greek women and men.*

#### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ -

I Corinthians 11:26 *For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.*

**Main Point:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Three rules to remember about using the keys:

1. Allow the Spirit to lead you in what order to use them.
2. Remember, there is no power in the means themselves.
3. Keep your eyes on the work of the Spirit and Christ.

### Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. When have you experienced God's grace in your life?
2. What have been the keys to you experiencing God's blessings?
3. When have you experienced these keys as empty rituals?
4. How would you like to experiment with using these keys in the future?



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