

Teach us to pray – 3

Luke 11:1

1 Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples." NKJV

- They didn't ask Him to teach them how to evangelize or heal the sick but they asked Him to teach them to pray
- The disciples must have seen something different in the way He prayed

Pray in everything

No Slide: 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

17 pray without ceasing, 18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. NKJV

Pray Always

No Slide: Luke 21:36

36 Watch therefore, and pray always. NKJV

- Pray always – Make request and REST
- Prayer without rest is not prayer at all

Pray Everywhere

No Slide: 1 Timothy 2:8

8 I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting; NKJV

Luke 11:2-4

2 So He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Our Father in heaven,

Hallowed be Your name.

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done

On earth as it is in heaven.

3 Give us day by day our daily bread.

4 And forgive us our sins,

For we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And do not lead us into temptation,

But deliver us from the evil one." NKJV

Your kingdom come. Your will be done

On earth as it is in heaven

The Kingdom is not something that only the strong receive.

It's not somewhere we arrive.

In fact, just the opposite is true. Our battle is to keep ourselves humble (childlike) while living life, expecting the impossible to manifest at every turn.

The Kingdom is never something we earn through education and preparation.

Many believers have been educated "out of" obedience

They exchange Gods works for good deeds reducing "Jesus People" to nice, friendly citizens instead of fire-breathing world changers. They have domesticated the Lion of the tribe of Judah, reducing Him to a circus animal – Kris Vallotton

Luke 12:32

32 "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. NKJV

Backing up

Luke 12:22-26

22 Then He said to His disciples, "Therefore I say to you, **do not worry** about your life, what you will eat; nor about the body, what you will put on. 23 Life is more than food, and the body is more than clothing. 24 Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn; and God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds? 25 And which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? 26 If you then are not able to do the least, why are you anxious for the rest? NKJV

- Worry will steal the Kingdom
- Working for the Kingdom will not bring the Kingdom
- There is nothing that you possess that you did not receive
- The Father is the **giver of gifts**
- He gives us godliness and life – **2 Peter 1:3**

Luke 12:27-28

27 Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 28 If then God so clothes the grass, which today is in the field and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how **much more will He clothe you,** O you of little faith? NKJV

Luke 12:29-31

29 "And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind. 30 For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you need these things. 31 But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you. NKJV

- When we are self sufficient we are self consumed
- When we think we have earned something we keep performing for promotion – become self reliant
- Living out of the Kingdom must be our primary concern – Seeking Gods presence – not doing

When we think we've earned it we will not receive it
When we seek the Kingdom "our inheritance" we realize the goodness and faithfulness of God – Grace
We start to live in "The Kingdom"
It's not based on our resources but Gods resources

Luke 18:16-17

16 But Jesus called them to Him and said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. 17 Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." NKJV

- Do children always do what's right?
- Do they worry about it?
- Does that keep them from coming to you when they need something?
- We can't earn this!
- Its about His presence in our lives

Rich young ruler

Luke 18:18-23

18 Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" 19 So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. 20 You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother.'" 21 And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth." 22 So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." 23 But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich. NKJV

- God is good – the gift giver
- You already know, why are you asking me?
- Many of us have been educated “out of” obedience
- Give your life (Identity) away
- Stop trusting yourself – must be broken
- Store up treasure in heaven
- There is nothing you have that has not been given to you
- Christianity is not about self promotion
- Pride will not produce The Kingdom
- We never arrive we can only receive
- When we think we’ve earned it, we boast about it
- When we receive freely we give it away

Types of Prayer:

- Adoration - Worshiping God for who He is
- Intercession - Compelling God to act where we are after the pattern of where He reigns
- Petition - Asking God for what He has promised
- Confession - Receiving forgiveness/extending forgiveness based upon what Christ has done
- Direction - Seeking God's leading and protection

What is intercessory prayer?

It is “stepping in between” someone and “anything less” that is hindering God's will in partnership with Heaven

What do we pray for?

1 Timothy 2:1-4

1 Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. NKJV

- Pray for yourself - allow the Holy Spirit to examine you
- Pray for your family
- Pray for your spiritual leaders
- Pray for your friends
- Pray for political leaders/bosses
- Pray for lost people - city, region, and nation
- Pray for whoever God puts on your heart!

“Beware in your prayers, above everything else, of limiting God, not only by unbelief, but by fancying that you know what He can do. Expect unexpected things ‘above all that we ask or think.’” - Andrew Murray

How to pray

Ephesians 1:16-19

16 do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power. NKJV

Pray for God's presence

Acts 11:21

21 And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord. NKJV

2 Corinthians 3:5-6

5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God, 6 who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. NKJV

Pray for God's favor and blessing

Psalm 5:12

12 For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous;
With favor You will surround him as with a shield. NKJV

Genesis 12:2

2 I will make you a great nation;
I will bless you and make your name great;
And you shall be a blessing. NKJV

Matthew 7:11

11 If you then, being 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! NKJV

Pray for protection

1 Peter 5:8

8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil
walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may
devour. NKJV

Psalm 3:1-3

1 LORD, how they have increased who trouble me!
Many are they who rise up against me.
2 Many are they who say of me, "There is no help for him
in God." 3 But You, O LORD, are a shield for me,
My glory and the One who lifts up my head. NKJV