

Teach us to pray – 5

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

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

1 Our Father in Heaven

No Slide: Romans 8:15 (Spirit of adoption – Abba Father)

- To have effective prayer you must know God is your father
- The One who loves, forgives, delivers and provides
- The Pharisees did not know God as father
- When Jesus said God was His father it aroused them
- He **prayed and spoke** as one with authority

2 Your kingdom come.

No Slide: Luke 12:22-26

22 Then He said to His disciples, "Therefore I say to you, **do not worry** about your life,

- 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

#3 Give us day by day our daily bread

Ask Daily

What do we pray for?

No Slide: 1 Timothy 2:1-4

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

And forgive us our sins, for we also forgive

Matthew 18:21-35

21 Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, **how often** shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" 22 Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven. 23 Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. 24 And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. 25 But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. 26 The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' 27 Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. 28 "But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' 29 So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' 30 And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. 31 So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. 32 Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. 33 Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?'

34 And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. 35 "So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses." NKJV

Un-forgiveness will hinder your prayers as well as cause you to live a life full of strongholds and bondage
You can not be free – Free people, free people
If you truly want to live free – forgive

Mark 11:25-26

25 "And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. 26 But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses." NKJV

A heart infected with un-forgiveness can not make spiritually sound decisions
Our decisions are made by how we feel
Well so and so did this so... I have no choice
Our hearts become hard
We may think we are hearing Holy Spirits direction but really we are making decisions based on natural feelings and our clouded personal history – that is not spiritual discernment
Many times we think there must be a deep problem with others – in fact most of the time the very thing we think is wrong with others is the iniquity that has created a stronghold in us.

Proverbs 23:7

7 For as he thinks in his heart, so is he. NKJV

- The way we think about others is the way we are
- We think others are judgmental because we are judgmental
- The way you judge you will be judged – Matthew 7:1

Many times those closest to us can hurt us the most
The closer you get the more obvious the flaws – we must guard our hearts – especially with our spiritual leaders

Matthew 13:54-58

54 When He had come to His own country, He taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished and said, "Where did this Man get this wisdom and these mighty works? 55 Is this not the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas? 56 And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then did this Man get all these things?" 57 So they were offended at Him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house." 58 Now He did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief. NKJV

Psalm 55:12-14

12 It is not an enemy who taunts me —
I could bear that. It is not my foes who so arrogantly insult
me — I could have hidden from them.
13 Instead, it is you — my equal, my companion and close
friend. 14 What good fellowship we enjoyed
as we walked together to the house of God. NLT

Jesus was betrayed by those closest to Him
He sets the perfect example
He loved them to the end – **John 13:8**
Washes their feet – identifies his betrayer – breaks bread

Luke 6:36

36 Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is
merciful. NKJV

- Merciful – to have compassion

Luke 23:34

34 Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them , for they do not
know what they do." NKJV

- Forgive – to move away (remove) – **Psalm 103:12**

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

4 Love suffers long and is kind, does not envy; does not
parade itself, is not puffed up; 5 does not behave rudely,
does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; 6
does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; 7 bears
all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all
things. 8 Love never fails. NKJV

Colossians 2:6-7

6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, 7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving. NKJV

- Receive forgiveness
- Give forgiveness
- Live in freedom

WHAT IS FORGIVENESS?

A decision to release a debt

What forgiveness is not

- Minimizing what happened
- A license to trust again – boundaries are OK
- A sign of weakness

What forgiveness does

- Frees you from bitterness and resentment
- Takes justice out of your hands and puts it in God's
- Makes it possible for God to forgive you

How do I forgive?

- Identify who your are angry with
- Determine what they owe you
- Cancel the debt
- Keep the case closed – stop thinking about it
- Pray for them

Luke 11:5-13 NKJV (Right after “The Lords Prayer”)

A Friend Comes at Midnight

5 And He said to them, "Which of you shall have a friend, and go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves; 6 for a friend of mine has come to me on his journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; 7 and he will answer from within and say, 'Do not trouble me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give to you'? 8 I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him as many as he needs.

Keep Asking, Seeking, Knocking

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. 11 If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

Effective prayer is Spirit lead prayer

Types of Prayer:

Adoration

Worshiping God for who He is

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

Prayer of Faith

Believe that you receive

Prayer of Agreement

Two or more agree

Prayer of Binding and losing

Taking authority over powers and principalities

Prayer of Intercession

On behalf of someone or something

Prayer of Committal

Cast your cares

Prayer of Dedication

Not my, but your will

Prayers of thanksgiving

Praise and worship

Praying for the Church

“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