

Teach us to pray – 6 – Praying for direction

Types of Prayer

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

We live in a fallen world affected by sin, with fallen people in bondage to sin, constantly attacked by fallen angels.
How are we to respond to living in the Battle Zone?
Answer: Same as Jesus - we PRAY!

Praying for direction
And do not lead us into temptation,

God doesn't tempt us. It's a call for guidance
No Slide: 1 Corinthians 10:13 NKJV
With the temptation will also make the way of escape,

James 1:13-14

13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. 14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. NKJV

Psalms 5:8

8 Lead me, O LORD, in Your righteousness because of my enemies; Make Your way straight before my face. NKJV

Most of the temptation ambushes we get caught in are the result of "Not submitting our desires to God's desires." [thy kingdom; thy will be done]

Satan and demons have strategies to distract, draw you away from God and ultimately destroy you from the inside out.

His tool: TEMPTATION

2 Corinthians 2:11

11 lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices. NKJV

- Devises – (designs, strategies, schemes)

The key to overcoming temptation:

Mute temptation by turning up the VOLUME of Gods voice

ARE YOU READY FOR BATTLE?

Ephesians 6:10-18

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints. NKJV

- Belt of truth
- Breastplate of righteousness
- Shoes - readiness of the gospel
- Shield of faith
- Helmet of salvation
- Sword of the spirit

What are the weapons of mass destruction against your soul and purposes in Christ?

What are your weaknesses and vulnerabilities?
 Don't know them?
 The enemy does!

Let's look at some types of prayer

Prayer of faith

Mark 11:24

24 Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them. NKJV

James 5:14-15

14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. NKJV

“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

Prayer of agreement

Matthew 18:19-20

19 "Again I say to you that if **two of you** agree on earth **concerning anything** that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them." NKJV

- Pray with people that are in agreement
- **Matthew 18:21-35** – Forgive

Amos 3:3

3 Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?

- Spiritual warfare starts with submission
- Psalm 133 says He commands His blessing on UNITY

Prayer of binding and loosing

Matthew 18:18

18 "Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. NKJV

Matthew 12:29

29 Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house. NKJV

- Jesus is speaking about casting out demons
- In my name they will drive out demons; - Mark 16:17
- We have authority to bind the Devil and loose Ministering spirits (Angels)

Matthew 12:28

28 But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. NKJV

Hebrews 1:14

14 Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation? NKJV

Prayer of intercession

1 Timothy 2:1-2

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. NKJV

- Interceding on behalf of someone or something
- Supplications, prayers, intercessions, giving of thanks
 - Request, talk to, interview, give thanks
- Sometimes we make it to hard
- Talk to God as if He was right here – He is!

Prayer of committal

Philippians 4:6-7

6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. NKJV

2 Timothy 1:12

12 For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day. NKJV

- I give it over to God and trust Him
- I take Him at His word
- Our commitment is to believe that He is committed to us and His word

Prayer of dedication

Matthew 26:36-39

36 Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, "Sit here while I go and pray over there." 37 And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed. 38 Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me." 39 He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will." NKJV

- Not my will but yours

Prayers of thanksgiving praise and worship

Acts 16:25, 26 NKJV

25 But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.

26 Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed.

2 Chronicles 20:2-3

2 Then some came and told Jehoshaphat, saying, "A great multitude is coming against you from beyond the sea, from Syria; and they are in Hazazon Tamar" (which is En Gedi).

3 And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. NKJV

2 Chronicles 20:14, 17, 18

14 Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, in the midst of the assembly.

17 You will not need to fight in this battle. Position yourselves, stand still and see the salvation of the LORD, who is with you, O Judah and Jerusalem!' Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them, for the LORD is with you." 18 And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem bowed before the LORD, worshiping the LORD. 19 Then the Levites of the children of the Kohathites and of the children of the Korahites stood up to praise the LORD God of Israel with voices loud and high. NKJV

2 Chronicles 20:22

22 Now when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated. NKJV

- When we don't know what to do worship
- Get caught up in His presence
- Position yourself, Stand still
- See the salvation of God
- We can all face fear what we do in the midst of fear is what makes the difference in the outcome

If we don't pray we don't have prayer

Colossians 4:2

2 Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving. NKJV