

ON YOUR KNEES: With Christ in the School of Prayer!

Luke 11:1 And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, **Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.**

Lesson #1: Pray according to a pattern

Thoughts:

- Not every prayer must contain all 6 themes
- In fact, few prayers will contain all 6 themes / topics
- Every prayer and your prayer life must contain and be constrained by all six themes!

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

Start with Him - the Lord

➤ The Glory of God

Matthew 6:9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, **Hallowed be thy name.**

1 Corinthians 10:31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do **all** to the glory of God.

1 Peter 4:10 As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 1 Peter 4:11 If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: **that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.**

Jude 24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, Jude 25 to the only wise God our Saviour, **be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.**

➤ The Kingdom of God

Matthew 6:10 **Thy kingdom come.** Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Matthew 6:33 **But seek ye first the kingdom of God,** and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

2 Timothy 4:1 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead **at his appearing and his kingdom;** 2 Timothy 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

2 Timothy 4:18 **And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

➤ The Will of God

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Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, **that ye present** your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. Romans 12:2 **And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed** by the renewing of your mind, **that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.**

1 Thessalonians 4:3 **For this is the will of God,** even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

1 Thessalonians 5:18 **In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.**

James 4:13 Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: James 4:14 Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. James 4:15 **For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.**

Continue with us – the family / the body

➤ The Provision of God

Matthew 6:11 Give us this day our daily bread.

1 Timothy 6:5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, **supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.** 1 Timothy 6:6 **But godliness with contentment is great gain.** 1 Timothy 6:7 **For** we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. 1 Timothy 6:8 **And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.**

➤ The Forgiveness of God

Matthew 6:12 **And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

Mark 11:25 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. Mark 11:26 But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

Acts 13:38 Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: Acts 13:39 And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Ephesians 4:32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, **even as** God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

➤ The Guidance of God

Matthew 6:13 **And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:** For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Romans 8:12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. **Romans 8:13** For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: **but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.** **Romans 8:14** **For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.**

Galatians 5:16 This I say then, **Walk in the Spirit**, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. **Galatians 5:17** For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. **Galatians 5:18** **But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.**

Galatians 5:25 **If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.**

End / finish with Him – the Lord

Matthew 6:13...For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Lesson #2: Pray with perseverance!

Both Matthew and Luke deal with this. Luke adds a parable. The rest of the NT emphasizes this.

Luke 11:5 And he said unto them, Which of you shall have **a friend**, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, **Friend**, lend me three loaves; **Luke 11:6** For **a friend** of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him? **Luke 11:7** And he from within shall answer and say, **Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee.** **Luke 11:8** I say unto you, **Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity (ἀναίδειαν) he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.**

importunity (ἀναίδειαν) = lack of sensitivity to what is proper, carelessness about the good opinion of others, shamelessness, impertinence, impudence, ignoring of convention

The parable of the “3 Friends:”

Friend #1 is asleep.

Friend #2 has another friend (#3) on a trip and is in need of food.

Friend #2 has no food to share.

Friend #2 is in a tough spot – the necessity of being hospitable.

Friend #1 says no!!!

Friendship is **not** always enough (being God’s child is **not** always enough)

Perseverance + friendship is enough!!!

Matthew 7:7 **Ask**, and it shall be given you; **seek**, and ye shall find; **knock**, and it shall be opened unto you: **Matthew 7:8** For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

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Luke 18:1 And he spake a parable unto them to this end, **that men ought always to pray, and not to faint:**

Acts 12:5 Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.

Ephesians 6:18 Praying **always** with **all** prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with **all** perseverance and supplication for **all** saints; **Ephesians 6:19** **And for me**, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, **Ephesians 6:20** For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 Pray without ceasing.

Lesson #3: Pray upon a presupposition!

We can call this: an assumption, a presupposition, a premise, a foundational belief, a given....

Matthew 7:9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?

Matthew 7:10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? **Matthew 7:11** **If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?**

Luke 11:11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? **Luke 11:12** Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? **Luke 11:13** **If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?**

God is more willing (and able) to meet our needs than we are to meet our children’s needs!