

IV. SAY YES TO GOD IN EVERYTHING

A. You must die to self.

²⁴ *"Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.'"*
Matthew 16:24

²⁰ *"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."*
Galatians 2:20

B. You must live for God.

¹⁷ *"Therefore, do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is."*
Ephesians 5:17

³³ *"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."*
Matthew 6:33

V. SPREAD THE GOSPEL TO THE LOST

A. Our mission is to expand God's Kingdom to every person in every place.

⁴³ *"but He said to them, 'I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent.'"*
Luke 4:43

B. Jesus rules in the hearts of those who accept Him.

¹⁷ *"Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen."*
I Timothy 1:17

PURPOSE: ASK FOR GOD'S WILL

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Introduction:

A. DO YOU CRAVE A MORE POWERFUL PRAYER LIFE?

Join us for the Lord, Teach Me To Pray six-week series! This will be a transforming study of the Lord's Prayer which is found in Luke 11:1-13.

The Disciples spent nearly three years in ministry with Jesus. They saw Him heal the sick, multiply food and walk on water. They witnessed His power.

The Disciples could have ask Him to teach them anything. But because they understood the secret to Jesus' power was prayer they asked...

"Lord, teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1b).

Jesus responded by giving them a prayer list.

B. The Lord, Teach Me To Pray series will teach you the "5 P's of Prayer" which will lead to a greater sense of God's power in your daily life.

Aug 16	The Power Of Prayer
Aug 23	Begin With Praise
TODAY	Purpose: Ask For God's Will
Sept 6	Provision: Ask For Daily Needs
Sept 13	Pardon: Ask For Forgiveness
Sept 20	Protection: Ask For Deliverance

TEXT: Luke 11:2-4

"...Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."
Luke 11:2b

Surrender your desires to align with God's will and thus fulfill God's ultimate purpose for your life.

HOW TO ASK FOR GOD'S WILL

I. KNOW YOU WERE MADE ON PURPOSE FOR PURPOSE

A. You were uniquely created by God.

¹³ *"For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb.*

¹⁴ *I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well."* Psalm 139:13-14

¹⁶ *"...All things were created through Him and for Him."* Colossians 1:16

B. Your purpose is to fulfill God's unique will.

⁷ *"Everyone who is called by My name, whom I have created for My glory; I have formed him, yes, I have made him."* Isaiah 43:7

¹⁰ *"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."* Ephesians 2:10

II. UNDERSTAND GOD'S KINGDOM IS WHEREVER GOD'S WILL IS DONE

A. God's Kingdom is not based on human government.

³⁶ *"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not of this world.....'"* John 18:36a

B. God's Kingdom is spiritual.

³ *"Jesus answered and said to him, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.'"* John 3:3

¹⁷ *"for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit."* Romans 14:17

III. DETERMINE GOD'S WILL

A. God's will is not a feeling (mystical approach).

⁹ *"The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?"* Jeremiah 17:9

B. God's will is a fellowship (relational approach).

⁸ *"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye."* Psalm 32:8

¹⁰⁵ *"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."* Psalm 119:105

⁹ *"For this reason, we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;"* Colossians 1:9

⁵ *"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding;*

⁶ *In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths."* Proverbs 3:5-6