

#### IV. ASK, SEEK AND KNOCK

- A. Don't just come to God with your "midnight emergencies," but keep in constant communion.

The tenses of these verbs imply ongoing action. Jesus is saying, "Keep on asking, keep on seeking, keep on knocking."

<sup>9</sup> *"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..."*

Luke 11:9

<sup>2</sup> *"...you do not have because you do not ask."*

James 4:2c

- B. The goal is to know and do God's will.

<sup>10</sup> *"For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened."*

Luke 11:10

<sup>39</sup> *"...O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will."*

Matthew 26:39b

#### V. TRUST IN THE GOODNESS OF GOD

- A. God cares for you and only wants the best for you.

<sup>11</sup> *"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?"*

<sup>12</sup> *Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?"*

<sup>13</sup> *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!"* Luke 11:11-13

<sup>11</sup> *"For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD will give grace and glory; no good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly."* Psalm 84:11

- B. Sin is a hinderance to the power of answered prayer.

<sup>18</sup> *"If I regard iniquity in my heart, The Lord will not hear"*

Psalm 66:18

#### PRAY WITH POWER

#### LORD, TEACH ME TO PRAY

##### The Power of Prayer

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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.

TODAY

Aug 23

Aug 30

Sept 6

Sept 13

Sept 20

The Power Of Prayer

Begin With Praise

Purpose: Ask For God's Will

Provision: Ask For Daily Needs

Pardon: Ask For Forgiveness

Protection: Ask For Deliverance

#### TEXT:

Luke 11:1-13

Prayer is talking with God.

## HOW TO HAVE A POWERFUL PRAYER LIFE

### I. HAVE A TIME AND PLACE

#### A. Jesus had a time and a place for prayer.

<sup>1</sup> “Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, ...” Luke 11:1a

<sup>35</sup> “Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed...” Mark 1:35

If Jesus prayed, then how much more do you need to pray?

- Set a specific time to pray.
- Have a specific place to pray.

#### B. The disciples saw Jesus' example and wanted to learn better how to pray.

<sup>1</sup> “...when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.’” Luke 11:1b

Think of all the questions they could have asked. Why did they ask this question? They understood the power of prayer.

- Ask Jesus to teach you how to pray.  
Say, “Lord, teach me to pray.”

### II. MAINTAIN A LIST

#### A. The Lord's Prayer is the model prayer.

<sup>2</sup> “So, He said to them, 'When you pray, say...’” Luke 11:2a

#### B. The Lord's Prayer is a prayer list.

<sup>9</sup> “In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

<sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

<sup>11</sup> Give us this day our daily bread.

<sup>12</sup> And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

<sup>13</sup> And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.” Matthew 6:9-13

### III. DON'T GIVE UP

#### A. Keep praying boldly.

<sup>5</sup> “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;

<sup>6</sup> for a friend of mine has come to me on his journey, and I have nothing to set before him’” Luke 11:5-6

<sup>16</sup> “Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” Hebrews 4:16

#### B. Keep praying constantly.

<sup>7</sup> “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’?”

<sup>8</sup> 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.”

Luke 11:7-8

<sup>1</sup> “Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart” Luke 18:1