

B. Do what you can to make things right with works.

⁸ *"Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, 'Look, Lord I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold.'"*

⁹ *And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham;"*

Luke 19:8-9

V. RELEASE THOSE WHO HAVE HURT YOU

¹⁴ *"For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you."*

¹⁵ *But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."*

Matthew 6:14-15

A. Trust God to handle your hurt.

¹⁹ *"Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord."*

Romans 12:19

B. Cover your hurt with grace.

¹⁵ *"looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;"*

Hebrews 12:15

C. Nail your hurt to the cross.

¹⁴ *"having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross."*

Colossians 2:14

PARDON: ASK FOR FORGIVENESS

LORD, TEACH ME TO PRAY

Pardon: Ask For Forgiveness

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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
Aug 30	Purpose: Ask For God's Will
Sept 13	Provision: Ask For Daily Needs
TODAY	Pardon: Ask For Forgiveness
Sept 27	Protection: Ask For Deliverance

TEXT: Luke 11:2-4

⁴ *"And forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us..."* Luke 11:4a

Confess your sins to receive God's forgiveness and choose to forgive others who have wronged you.

HOW TO ASK GOD FOR FORGIVENESS

I. INSPECT YOUR LIFE

A. Do a personal spiritual assessment.

⁴⁰ *"Let us search out and examine our ways, and turn back to the LORD;"* Lamentations 3:40

²³ *"Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties;*

²⁴ *And see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."* Psalm 139:23-24

B. Do not blame shift.

¹¹ *"And He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?'*

¹² *Then the man said, 'The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.'*

¹³ *And the LORD God said to the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent deceived me, and I ate.'"* Genesis 3:11-13

II. CONFESS EVERY SIN

A. A wrong view of confession:

People must confess their sin before a priest and do penance for their sin.

⁵ *"For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,"* I Timothy 2:5

²⁵ *"As Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him.*

²⁶ *But Peter lifted him up, saying, "Stand up; I myself am also, a man."* Acts 10:25-26

B. A right view of confession:

Agree with God, take responsibility.

¹³ *"He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy."* Proverbs 28:13

⁵ *"I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah"* Psalm 32:5

III. BELIEVE GOD HAS CLEANSED YOU

A. Satan is the accuser of sin.

¹⁰ *"...for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down."* Revelation 12:10b

B. God is the cleanser of sin.

¹⁵ *"For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, and abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.."* Psalm 86:15

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

IV. MAKE RESTITUTION WHEN POSSIBLE

²³ *"Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift."* Matthew 5:23-24

A. Do what you can to make things right with words.

¹⁶ *"Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed...."* James 5:16a