

Jesus on Prayer: Pt 1

Learning to Pray?

Matthew 6:9-13, Luke 11:1

The life of an apprentice is lived
by way of prayer.

Jesus' disciples asked Him a simple,
clear, but very important question:

“Lord, teach us to pray”

Luke 11:1

Three important things this question tells us:

- . They did not feel like they knew how to pray like Jesus prayed.
- . They wanted to know how to pray like Jesus prayed.
- . It was something they believed Jesus could teach them how to do.

Matthew 14:23 - After He had sent the crowds away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray...

Luke 5:16 -But Jesus Himself would often slip away to the wilderness and pray

Luke 6:12 - Now it was at this time that He went off to the mountain to pray, and He spent the whole night *in prayer with God.*

Until we come to a place where we desire, enjoy and delight in and find great value in prayer we will not truly pray. If we do not learn to truly pray, we will find it impossible to journey with Jesus or to become like Him to any significant degree.

Three Problems we have with prayer

We oversimplify it

We overcomplicate it

We minimize it

“The most important thing that human beings can do is pray, because we’ve been made for God and our hearts are restless until we rest with Him. And it’s in prayer that we come into contact with God.” ~ Mother Teresa

“Prayer does not fit us for the greater work; prayer is the greater work.” ~ Oswald Chambers

*“Prayer is more important than just
about anything”*

~ John Mark Comer

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In prayer we share ourselves with
God and *God shares Himself* with us.

How amazing is that?

Two Things any productive conversation requires:

1. Honesty
2. Active Listening – Listening to hear and understand.

“...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. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation, (but deliver us from the evil one. Matthew 6:9-13

**Our Father – Who God is to us and what kind
of relationship we have with Him.**

He is our Daddy –

*...you have received a spirit of adoption as
sons and daughters by which we cry out,
“Abba!” Father. Romans 8:15*

In Heaven – Where is God?

God is not far, far away somewhere up there. It's exactly the opposite. "the heavens" means God is close to us – all around us.

Hallowed be your name...

– What is He like?

Hallowed means set apart, distinct,
beautiful, entirely good

**Your Kingdom come – your will be
done.**

**God's rule – what God wants or
intends to be done is done.**

Jesus is teaching on Prayer:

Relationship before Requests

Summing it up

1. God is your Daddy/Father and He has only good intentions toward you
2. He is close by and not far away
3. The main point is to enjoy/be delighted in God
4. God's way is infinitely better than anything I could do.

Become aware of...

...who God is to you,

...where God is

...what God is like

...and entrust your good to Him.

Spiritual Practice For the Week:

1. Pray the Lord's prayer

2. Pray using the guidance of the
Lord's Prayer