

# Unstoppable Prayer

Teach Us To Pray – Part 2 (Luke 11:5-13)

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Luke 11:1 (NIV) One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

John 16:24 (NIV) Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

## 1. Pray for \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 11:5-6 (NIV) Then he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and he goes to him at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have nothing to set before him.'

### 1A. Don't \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 11:7 (NIV) "Then the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children are with me in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.'

### 1B. Pray with \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 11:8 (NIV) I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

## 2. Pray with \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 11:9-10 (NIV) "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

### 2A. \_\_\_\_\_ based on God's will

Luke 11:9a-10a (NIV) "Ask and it will be given to you; ... For everyone who asks receives; ...

### 2B. \_\_\_\_\_ believing God's promise

Luke 11:9b-10b (NIV) "... seek and you will find; ... he who seeks finds; ...

### 2C. \_\_\_\_\_ with perseverance

Luke 11:9c-10c (NIV) "... knock and the door will be opened to you. ... and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

## 3. Pray with \_\_\_\_\_

### 3A. God gives \_\_\_\_\_ gifts

Luke 11:11-12 (NIV) "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?"

### 3B. Ask for the \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 11:13 (NIV) If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

# Unstoppable Prayer – Study Guide

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Intro. If you could ask Jesus a question about prayer, what would it be (Luke 11:1)?

What is Jesus' goal for prayer in your life (John 16:24)?

What circumstances would make it difficult for you to keep on praying?

1. Why do you think that praying for others is important (Luke 11:5-6)?

What is Jesus' main teaching point in this story about prayer (Luke 11:7-8)?

Why is boldness and persistence in prayer essential?

2. How do the terms ask, seek and knock reflect different levels of prayer intensity (Luke 11:9-10)?

How can you be sure that what you ask for is God's will?

What part do God's promises play in seeking prayer?

Explain how Jesus' story teaches us how to knock with perseverance in prayer.

What commitment to our 40 days of prayer and fasting will you make?

3. Why are some people afraid to ask for God's wisdom in prayer (Luke 11:11-12)?

Why do you think the one thing Jesus says we should ask for is the Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13)?

How is being filled with the Holy Spirit an ongoing and repeated process?

What situations do you believe that God wants you to pray through until the answer comes?