

Passionate Prayer (Luke 11:1-13)

Praying with Jesus – Part 8

Life Church St. Louis – March 9, 2014

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James 5:16b-17 (NIV) The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years.

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."

Luke 11:2-4 (NIV) He said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. 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."

1. Pray _____

1A. 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.'

1B. Pray _____

Luke 11:7-8 (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.' 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. Understand prayer _____

2A. _____ until you receive

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

2B. _____ until you find

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

2C. _____ until the door opens

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. Trust your heavenly _____

3A. God only 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!"

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Intro. According to James 5:16-17, what are the conditions for powerful and effective prayer?

How would you describe earnest or passionate prayer?

What are some areas in your prayer life that you think you could grow in (Luke 11:1)?

Describe in your own words, the priorities of the Lord's Prayer (Luke 11:2-4).

1A. What lesson can you learn from Jesus' story regarding praying for others (Luke 11:5-6)?

1B. How does Jesus' story of the friend at midnight illustrate the boldness and persistence that is essential for effective prayer (Luke 11:7-8)?

1C. Why do you think that God does not answer all prayers immediately? How should that affect your prayer life?

2A. Describe situations in life where the asking prayer level is appropriate (Luke 11:9a-10a).

2B. Describe situations in life where the seeking prayer level is appropriate (Luke 11:9b-10b).

2C. Describe situations in life where the knocking prayer level is appropriate (Luke 11:9c-10c).

2D. How would your prayers be different at each prayer level?

3A. In what ways do people doubt that God would give them good gifts when they pray (Luke 11:11-12)?

3B. In what ways is the Holy Spirit God's best gift (Luke 11:13)?

3C. Why do believers need to ask to be filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8, Ephesians 5:18)?

3D. How can the Holy Spirit help you in your prayer life (Romans 8:26)?