

Patient Prayer (Luke 11:1-13)

Need Direction? – Part 6

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bread, because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have nothing to set before him.'

James 1:5-6a (NIV) If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt ...

2A. Don't be surprised at a _____ answer

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.'

1. Follow Jesus' _____

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."

2B. Persist in prayer 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.

1A. Pray for God's _____

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

3. Believe God's _____

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.

1B. Pray for your _____

Luke 11:3 (NIV) Give us each day our daily bread.

3A. God gives _____ gifts

Luke 11:11-13a (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? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, ...

1C. Pray for _____

Luke 11:4 (NIV) Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation."

3B. God gives the _____ for direction

Luke 11:13b (NIV) ... how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

2. Ask for God's _____

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

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Intro. What are some reasons that believer don't ask God for guidance with their decisions?

In what ways is life without prayer, like life with blurred vision?

How should we address our lack of wisdom to make decisions according to James 1:5-6a?

1A. What do you think are the reasons that Jesus regularly prayed (Luke 11:1)?

1B. What is the significance of Jesus' example prayer beginning with a request for God's kingdom to come (Luke 11:2)?

1C. Why should we pray daily for our "daily bread" (Luke 11:3)?

1D. Why is forgiveness of others essential for our relationship with God (Luke 11:4)?

1E. Why is prayer as a daily way of life so much better than crisis prayer?

2A. How does Jesus' story of the midnight friend relate to the Lord's prayer (Luke 11:5-6)?

2B. Why do you think that God often delays the answer to our prayers (Luke 11:7)?

2C. Why does Jesus commend the friend's persistent boldness in asking for his need (Luke 11:8)?

2D. Explain why making a decision without God's direction is not wise. Relate this story of Jesus to the story of Abraham and Sarah's sons, Ishmael and Isaac (Genesis 15-18, 21).

3A. In what ways does it take faith in God's promises to keep on asking, seeking and knocking in prayer (Luke 11:9-10)?

3B. Why do some people doubt that God gives good gifts (Luke 11:11-13a)?

3C. Why should we ask the Father to give us the Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13b)?

3D. How is the Holy Spirit like an internal GPS that keeps us going in God's direction for our lives?