

Discipleship: Lesson 6

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Objectives

Develop an understanding of the basic principles of prayer. (Luke 11:1-13; Matthew 6:5-13; Luke 18:1-14; Philippians 4:6-7)

Apply these principles to your daily prayer life

Understand the importance of daily prayer time and commit to it.

Memorize Philippians 4:6-7

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Key Questions

What is prayer? Heb 4:16; Phil 4:6; Rev 19:4

Why should we pray? Ps 62:8; Jer 33:3; Eph 3:20

What are some barriers to effective prayer?
Psalm 66:18; Matt 6:5-7,15

What are some pre-requisites to effective prayer?
Ps 66:18; Matt 21:22; Jn 15:7, 16:24; 1 Jn 5:14-15

Why should we pray in the name of Jesus?
John 16:24

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Major Concepts

Principles of Prayer Luke 11:1-13; Matthew 6:5-13

Parables on Prayer Luke 18:1-14

Present Your Requests to God Philippians 4:6-7

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Principles of Prayer Luke 11:1-13

- What pattern of prayer did Jesus outline in verses 2-4?
- What is the prayer principle from verses 5-8?
- What are the 3 instructions & promises in v9?
- What principles do you get from v9 & 10?
- What is the prayer principle from v11-13?
- In Matthew 6:5-8, what 3 things does Jesus say to do (or not do) when you pray?

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Parables on Prayer Luke 18:1-14

- When should we pray & what should you not do from verse 1?
- What is the prayer principle from verses 2-5?
- From 9-14, what is the attitude of the Pharisee? What is the attitude of the tax collector?
- What is the Lord's conclusion in verse 14?

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Present Your Requests to God Phil 4:6-7

- What are we to pray for?
- What should our attitude be?
- What does God do when we follow this prescription for prayer?

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Extra: Great Examples of Prayer

- Moses: Exodus 32:9-14; Deuteronomy 9:25-29
- Nehemiah: Nehemiah 1:4-11
- David: Psalm 51:1-17 (+ many of his psalms)
- Daniel: Daniel 9:3-19
- Paul: Ephesians 1:15-19; 3:14-21
- Jesus: John 17