

**Bible Study ~ PRAYER**  
**Wednesday, March 8, 2023 by Pastor Dwight Benoit**  
**Lesson 5**

“...LORD, teach us to pray...” (Luke 11: 1)

## Keys to PRAYER!

**PRAYER** is like a man in a boat (not using oars) but pulling a rope, tied securely to the shore. He is not pulling land toward him, but himself, toward the land.” (DISCUSS)

**Key 1 – Persistency.** Enduring, constancy, following-through... **Read Matthew 7: 7**  
It’s much better when in a *relationship* with **GOD** through **JESUS CHRIST**...

**A** -- “Ask, [keep on asking] and it shall be given you...”

**S** – “Seek, [keep on seeking] and ye shall find...”

**K** – “Knock, [keep on knocking] and it shall be opened to you.”

**Q. WHO is The Greatest GIVER of ALL times? Read Psalms 24: 1**

**Q. If GOD can’t provide our every need, then who is the liar? Read Galatians 6: 7; James 1: 13, and Numbers 23: 19, Titus 1: 2, Hebrews 6: 18**

[Our only conclusion is, “Take GOD at HIS WORD!”]

**Q. When you Ask, do we really Ask?**

**Q. Do we doubt [debate, act indecisive, lack conviction] when we think about asking GOD?**

**Q. What are our motives when we ask? Are they selfish, lacking regard for the rights or feelings of others? Stingy. Ungenerous.**

**Q. Are we lying when we Ask?**

**Q. Are we consistent? Steady, True, Expectant?**

**Key 2 – Praying in Faith.** **Read Hebrews 11: 6**

That is, Believing **GOD can**, and **GOD will** insofar its consistent with **HIS Glory!**

That is, **Pray** with *assurance* in **WHOM** the outcome is clear, and in *submission* when the outcome is hidden! Read Mark 11: 24 ...

**Q. How do we **Pray** The Prayer of Faith? Read James 5: 14.**

**Key 3 – Praying in Secret.** So, we want seek the ‘praise’ of men... **Read Matthew 6: 6**

How do we **Pray in Secret**? 1. **Pray intentionally**. 2. **Pray in privacy**. 3. **Pray intimately**.

4. **Pray with integrity**. [removing trying to impress]

**Key 4 – Praying according to GOD’S Will! **Read I John 5: 14****

**B** – Believe in **JESUS, The CHRIST**. Your **LORD** and **SAVIOR** (The **HOLY SPIRIT**) **The WORD!**

**A** – Abstain from sin(s)... **Read I Thessalonians 5: 22-24.**

**G** – Give Thanks for Everything... **Read Ephesians 5: 20.**

**S** – Submit to **GOD’S WORD, Will** and **Way**.

[How? *Prayerfully*. Going to **GOD** and seeking **HIS** forgiveness, Wisdom and guidance, daily. Searching, thirsting after and being quenched by **GOD'S WORD** to store it within our hearts. **Read Psalms 119: 11**

Being content with what you have... surely with **JESUS**. *Blessed*, not needing the approval of men. Living a life of **Worship of GOD**. *Giving up the need to be in control.* When ask to do something or add something to my schedule, have the right attitude, and *'go the extra mile of the way.'* Staying in **Love with GOD through JESUS**, and, thankful to be *chosen* by **HIM!**]

**Key 5 – Praying in JESUS Name! Read John 12-14**

That is, based on **CHRIST – HIS righteousness; HIS sacrifice; HIS authority; HIS Name!**

--It does not imply that it *must* be said, (*In The Name of JESUS*) at the end of our **Prayers!**

--It is, **Praying with JESUS' Authority...**

--It is **Praying with Confidence** in approaching **GOD...**

--It is **Praying** for things that will *Honor* and *Glorify* **JESUS!**

**Read Luke 10: 17-20**, Demons are powerless because of **JESUS' Name...**

**Read Mark 16: 17, 18**, believers will 'cast out demons in **JESUS Name...**

**Q.** What does it mean to **Pray in JESUS Name?**

1. To approach **GOD** on **HIS** merit (**GRACE**) not our own!
2. Seeking to please **CHRIST**, not ourselves! **Read I John 5: 14, 15; John 6: 38, 39-40**
3. Treasuring **GOD'S Glory**, not our desires! **Read John 17: 4; Romans 8: 26, 27**

**Key 6 – Praying in Agreement with Other Believers! Read Matthew 18: 20**

Agreement—Harmony—Be in Unity...

**Read Deuteronomy 32: 30; Acts 1: 14**—Corporate Prayer produced Corporate Power...

**Read Matthew 26: 36-38**, Gethsemane Prayer; **Psalms 133; Colossians 3: 17; John 16: 33**

**Key 7 – Praying from a Heart that is Clean and Right with GOD. Read James 5: 16**

--It is to have an undivided loyalty to **GOD**—Loving **HIM** above all else.

--It is to see **Prayer** not just as a mean of communication *with* **GOD**, but as well conformity *with* **CHRIST**.

**Key 8 – Praying while Fasting. Read Acts 14: 23**

--The more time you spend with **GOD**, the more meaningful your Fasting will be...

**Example:** In the morning—begin with devotion. At Noonday, Pray, Meditate on **The WORD**, and **Praise GOD**. In the evening, reflect on the Day, **praying** and *praising* **GOD**.

Strategically...

1. Set your *Objective*: Why are you Fasting? Is it for Spiritual Renewal, Guidance, Healing etc. Or **praying 2 Chronicles 7: 14?**
2. Make your *Commitment*: **Matthew 6: 16-18; 9: 14, 15.**

**Q.** How long will you Fast? One hour a Day? One Meal per Day? For a few hours, your favorite habit per Day or per Week?

**Q.** What type of Fast? Water, Water & Juices? Bread or Meat?

**Q.** What Physical or Social Activities will you restrict?

**Q.** How much time each Day will you devote to **Prayer** & **GOD'S WORD?**
3. Prepare yourself *Spiritually*. That is, *Repentance*—I John 1: 9; Seek forgiveness, **Mark 11: 25.**

**Key 9 – Praying from an Obedient Life. Read I John 3: 21-22**

Example: Children—obedient, respectful, appreciative. Yet, ungrateful, unthankful, rebellious.

**Read Psalm 37: 4...** A person who “delights in **The LORD**” has righteous desires. They will not desire anything from selfish desires. No one can expect **GOD** to give something contrary to **GOD’S Will**, or **The LORD’S Glory**.

**Key 10 – Praying while **Abiding in CHRIST** and in **HIS WORD**. Read John 15: 7**

Yes, the more Faith and Obedience we have, the more power our **Prayers** will have and the more Fruitful our lives will be. Peace will be ours. If we remain in **JESUS** and **HIS WORDS** remain in us, our **prayers** will align themselves with **GOD’S Will** and **GOD’S** desires.