
Prayer

Luke 11:1-4

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- Luke 11:1 – “Lord, teach us to pray”
- Prayer can be taught
- It is not necessarily spontaneous

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- An important topic
- Luke 18:1-8 – “they ought always to pray”
- Regularly and consistently pray
- I Peter 3:12 – “his ears (are) unto their supplication”

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- Matthew 6:9-13 – “After this manner therefore pray ye”
- A “model” or “example” of prayer
- Took about 20 seconds
- “Our dear, kind, loving, ever to be adored, heavenly Father”

Elements Of Acceptable Prayer

- Recipe of certain ingredients
- Our prayer should be our heart’s desire
 - Romans 10:1 – “my heart’s desire”

Elements Of Acceptable Prayer

- Prayer should be made in reverence
 - Matthew 6:9 – “Hallowed be thy name”
 - Isaiah 66:2 – “to him that is of a poor and of a contrite spirit”
 - ??? “Hi, Dad” ???

Elements Of Acceptable Prayer

- **By the authority of Jesus Christ**
 - **John 16:24-26 – “ask in my name”**

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- **In sincerity**
 - **Matthew 6:5 – “ye shall not be as the hypocrites”**

Elements Of Acceptable Prayer

- **Attitude of submission to the Lord**
 - **Matthew 6:10 – “Thy will be done”**
 - **John 5:14 – “if we ask anything according to his will”**

Elements Of Acceptable Prayer

- **In faith**
 - **James 1:6-7 – “nothing doubting”**

Elements Of Acceptable Prayer

- **Forgiving spirit or attitude**
 - **Matthew 6:15 – “if ye forgive not men their trespasses”**
 - **Luke 17:3 – “if he repent, forgive him”**

Elements Of Acceptable Prayer

- **In humility**
 - **Luke 18:9-14 – “be thou merciful to me a sinner”**

Elements Of Acceptable Prayer

- In an unselfish manner
 - James 4:3 – “ye ask amiss”

Elements Of Acceptable Prayer

- Confessing our sins
 - I John 1:9 – “confess our sins”

Elements Of Acceptable Prayer

- Having harmony in the home
 - I Peter 3:7 – “being also joint-heirs of the grace of life”

Elements Of Acceptable Prayer

- Reconciliation to a brother
 - Matthew 5:21-24 – “go thy way, first be reconciled to thy brother”

Elements Of Acceptable Prayer

- Pray without ceasing
 - Luke 18:1 – “always to pray”

Practical Suggestions

- Two types of prayer
 - Private
 - Public

Practical Suggestions

- Private prayer
 - To be in private
 - Matthew 6:5-7 – “shut thy door”
 - Jesus’ example
 - Matthew 14:23 – “into the mountain apart”
 - Matthew 26:36 – “I go yonder to pray”

Practical Suggestions – Public Prayer

- Public prayer
 - This is a prayer for a group
 - Different than a private prayer
 - Not a time to get caught up
 - Luke 6:12 – “he continued all night in prayer”

Practical Suggestions – Public Prayer

- Let your prayer be heard
 - If your prayer can’t be heard how can anyone say “Amen”?
 - I Corinthians 14:14-16 – “seeing he knoweth not what thou sayest”

Practical Suggestions – Public Prayer

- Give the prayer you’ve been asked to give.
 - Don’t try to open it and close it too
 - Don’t try to review the entire sermon
 - Lord’s Supper

Practical Suggestions – Public Prayer

- Confess our sins
 - But if everyone praying says, “Father, forgive us our sins” we need to wonder how much sinning is going on in the assembly.
 - Think about what we’re saying

Practical Suggestions – Public Prayer

- Not a time for teaching
 - This isn’t a time to inform the audience
 - Who are we trying to impress?
 - The assembly
 - God

Practical Suggestions – Public Prayer

- Not a time to inform God
 - Luke 18:9-14 – “every one that exalteth himself shall be humbled”
 - God knows what we have done and also what He has written

Practical Suggestions – Public Prayer

- The “Lord’s Prayer” was short and to the point
 - When we are asked to do something we should do it and quit

Prayer

- God told us to pray and we need to do it
 - Hebrews 4:12-13 – “quick to discern the thought and intents of the heart”
 - Romans 8:26-27 – “he that searcheth the hearts”

“What Must I Do To Be Saved?”

- Hear the Word of God
 - Romans 10:8
- Believe that Jesus is the Savior of the world
 - Romans 10:11
- Repent of your sins
 - Acts 3:19
- Confess that Jesus is the Son of God
 - Romans 10:10
- Be immersed in water (baptized)
 - Acts 2:38
- Remain faithful
 - Hebrews 3:12-14 – “hold fast the beginning of our confidence firm unto the end”