



LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY
Revive Your Simple Christian Devotion
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One time Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his followers said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray as John taught his followers.” (Luke 11:1)

Introduction: Jesus often spent hours in prayer. The apostles watched him and then said, “Lord, teach us to pray.” Jesus is about to offer an invitation to the heart of God. We will see what He says here in Luke 11 and compare it to other things Jesus said about prayer throughout His ministry. We need to make sure that as we study His words we remove all of our fears about prayer. Let’s study together

Discussion:

I. Prayer Should Be Simple

- A. Prayer is not idle babbling, vain jangling, or useless wrangling (**Mathew 6:7**).
- B. Prayer is something even a child can understand (**II Kings 5**).
- C. Prayer is not always a public thing (**Daniel 6:10**).
- D. Prayer was important to Jesus (**Matthew 6:5-8**).

II. Prayer Is Often Hindered = 7 Things That Hinder Our Prayer Life

- #1 = Lack of Faith (**Matthew 6:8, James 5:16**)
- #2 = Indifference (**I Samuel 12:23, I Thessalonians 5:17**)
- #3 = Priorities (**Matthew 6:33, Matthew 7:7**)
- #4 = Time Management (**Nehemiah 2:4, Matthew 28:45**)
- #5 = Distractions (**Matthew 6:19, John 17**)
- #6 = Selfishness (**Matthew 6:5, Matthew 6:7**)
- #7 = Difficulty (**Matthew 6:9-13, Luke 18:1-8**)

III. Prayer 101 = Back To The Basics

- A. God wants to hear from you (**Matthew 6:9, James 4:2**).
- B. God wants to answer your prayers (**I John 3:22, John 17**)

Conclusion: As we go through this series we are going to talk about our relationship to our Father, the Lord’s church, our daily needs, forgiveness and sin. I hope this series will help us to become even closer to God in our Christian walk. I pray that we will all learn how to become even more spiritual in this world of darkness. God wants us to have a simple Christian devotion. Are you ready to start walking with God? Do you need to be revived today? Can we pray with you and for you? Let Him revive you, again!!!

WORD OF THE DAY = “Prayer”