

Learning To Pray - 1

"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." Luke 11:1 NIV

Jesus taught His disciples this pattern of prayer:

"In this manner, therefore, pray:" Matthew 6:9 NKJV

1. Worship

"Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name." Matthew 6:9 NKJV

2. Declaration

"Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Matthew 6:10 NKJV

3. Provision

"Give us this day our daily bread." Matthew 6:11 NKJV

4. Forgiveness

"And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors." Matthew 6:12 NKJV

5. Protection

"And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one." Matthew 6:13 NKJV

6. Thanksgiving

"For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen." Matthew 6:13 NKJV

PRAYER IS SIMPLY **COMMUNICATING WITH GOD.**

3 things Jesus tells us before He gives us the pattern of prayer:

"And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words." Matthew 6:5-7 NKJV

1. DON'T PRAY TO IMPRESS.

"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men — robbers, evildoers, adulterers — or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'" Luke 18:10-14 NIV

2. DON'T PRAY LONG, EMPTY PRAYERS.

"Pray without ceasing." 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NKJV

"Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God." Luke 6:12 NKJV

3. PRAY TO CONNECT.

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now." John 16:12 NKJV

Effective prayer is connecting with God in Prayer.

"The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." James 5:16 NKJV

"Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit." James 5:17-18 NKJV

"You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures." James 4:2-3 NKJV

Promises of praying effective prayers:

"Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him."
1 John 5:14-15 NKJV

"And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it." John 14:13-14 NKJV

"Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them." Mark 11:24 NKJV

"Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full."
John 16:24 NKJV