

Lesson 32 – How to Get Prayers Answered

- 1) What does our God invite us to do?

Luke 11:13 “If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ___ him?”

Psalm 65:2 “O thou that _____ prayer, unto thee shall ___ _____ come.”

Mark 11:23-24 “For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive *them*, and ye shall have *them*.”

NOTE: We are invited to seek God in prayer, believing that He will hear and answer our petition according to our best good.

- 2) Before we seek the Lord in prayer, what should we make sure of first?

1 John 5:14,15 “And this is the _____ that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his ____, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.”

Matthew 26:39 “And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I ____, but as thou ____.”

NOTE: We need to make sure that we are praying according to God’s will, and not our own will. Just as Jesus prayed, we are to pray.

- 3) What should we bring before our God?

1 Peter 5:7 “Casting all your _____ upon him; for he careth for you.”

Psalm 55:22 “Cast thy _____ upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.”

NOTE: We are to bring before God everything that troubles us. We are to tell Him everything that makes us mad, sad, glad and bad. He wants us desperately to be open with Him. Why do we as humans try to hide from Him anyway? He sees everything we say and do, and He even knows our very thoughts that no one else knows. So, why not pour out your heart to Him? Tell him everything, just like

you would tell your best friend everything here on this earth. You see, it is the devil's strategy in telling us, "God will not listen to you." "He doesn't love you." These are the same lies that he is telling to virtually every man, woman, and child to keep them from the greatest source of power in the entire universe – the throne of God.

- 4) What should we always mingle with our prayers to God?

Philippians 1:4 "Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with ____,"

Colossians 3:15-17 "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, _____ to God and the Father by him."

1 Thessalonians 5:18 "In every thing _____: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

NOTE: When we pray, we are to have joy in our hearts, because we are communicating with the One who created us and redeemed us by His own blood. We are communicating with the One who is in total control of what is happening on planet earth. Even though many times it looks as if the world is hurled into total chaos, God is within the shadows keeping watch of His own. We are also to praise God and thank Him in our prayers. When we praise God we begin to see that He is much bigger than our worst of problems. We begin to see things as they really are. We realize that our self-pity is worthless at the foot of the cross. God is on our side, and nothing is too big for Him to handle and to take care of. I am so happy that the God of the Bible is on our side, and wants us to be with Him even more than we do.

- 5) What is the ultimate purpose of prayer?

Revelation 3:20 "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and _____ the _____, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

Ephesians 3:16-19 "That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may _____ in your _____ by _____; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what *is* the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God."

NOTE: The ultimate purpose of prayer is for Christ to dwell in your heart by

faith. Prayer is the closest we can come to God on this earth. Prayer is the breath of the soul.

- 6) When should we especially seek the Lord in prayer?

Mark 1:35 “And in the _____, rising up a _____ before day, he went out, and departed into a _____ place, and there prayed.”

Jeremiah 29:13 “And ye shall _____ me, and _____ me, when ye shall search for me with _____ your heart.”

NOTE: The best example we have in the Bible is the example set forth by Jesus Christ. The Bible says that Jesus went to pray in the morning a great while before day. It also says that He went to a solitary place. We will touch on that later. In Jeremiah, we read that we will find God when we search for Him with our whole heart. The morning is the best time for this because our minds have not been deluded with the care of the current day. We can hear God’s voice more distinctly in the quiet moments of the early morning. Many times, also, God will give us just what we need for that day in the morning.

- 7) How should we pray to God?

Luke 11:1 “And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, _____ to pray, as John also taught his disciples.”

NOTE: This should be the prayer of our heart as well. “Lord, teach us to pray.” It must have been something to hear Jesus pray. After the disciples heard Jesus pray, they said, “Lord, teach us to pray.” These were men that were spiritual, and yet when they heard Jesus pray, they realized that they couldn’t pray as well as they thought they could. May we, by the grace of God, pray like Jesus.

- 8) What is a good habit to develop?

Deuteronomy 8:2 “And thou shalt _____ all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, *and* to prove thee, to know what *was* in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no.”

1 Chronicles 16:12 “_____ his marvellous works that he hath done, his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth;”

NOTE: God knows that the human family is prone to forget. That is why He admonishes us so many times in the Scriptures to remember. We are to remember His marvelous works, remember how He has led us in the past, remember how much He loves us, remember how much He wants us to be saved and remember how He has answered our prayers. In the life of every Christian, inevitably, there

are times of darkness, times in which it seems that God is no longer there and times that seem hopeless. It is at that very time that we are to remember how God has been with us.

IS IT YOUR DESIRE...

To make communication with God the top priority in your life? Yes or No