

Lesson 21: Teaching on Prayer

Objective: To learn that Prayer is more than just asking God for things. It is a conversation with the Heavenly Father.

Background: The parables of "The Friend at Midnight" and "The Unjust Judge" teach us that God is not like the unwilling friend or the unjust judge that we have to nag Him to get what we want. God is love and He is ready to answer our prayers and the answer could be "yes", "no", or "wait", for our Heavenly Father knows what is harmful (bad) and what is best for us.

Instructions: Read Luke 11:1-13; Luke 18:1-8 once. Now listen attentively to what God is saying to you as you read over and over again each scripture and write down in your own words what you learn. Then turn one particular thing that you learned most into prayer. Make your prayer to the point.

Let's Think: Ask the Lord Jesus to teach you to pray.

When you repented from your sins and invited Jesus into your heart, you were born into God's family (John 1:12). And as a child learns to talk with his or her earthly parents, so must Christians learn to talk with the Heavenly Father. Prayer is more than just asking God for things. It is a "conversation" with the Heavenly Father—two talking together. You listen to Him through His Word and talk to Him in prayer. Jesus taught the disciples many things about prayer. Here are some of His teachings.

1. **LISTEN TO GOD:** What do you learn about God, to whom you talk in prayer?

a) Luke 11:9-10 I learn that _____

b) Luke 11:11-13 I learn that _____

TALK TO GOD: Dear Heavenly Father, I praise you and thank You _____

2. **LISTEN TO GOD:** What are some of the reasons God hears your prayers?

a) John 14:13-14 I learn that _____

b) Mark 11:24 I learn that _____

and Hebrews 11:6 _____

c) John 15:7 I learn that _____

and 1John 3:22-24 _____

TALK TO GOD: Dear Heavenly Father, Please help me _____

3. LISTEN TO GOD: What are some of the things which hinder (hold back) your prayers?
a) Mark 11:25 I learn that _____
b) Matthew 6:5 I learn that _____
TALK TO GOD: Dear Heavenly Father, please forgive me _____

4. LISTEN TO GOD: What should be included in your prayer besides asking for your needs and the needs of others?
a) Matthew 6:9,10,22 I learn that _____
b) 1Timothy 2:3-4 I learn that _____
TALK TO GOD: Dear Heavenly Father, I ask that your Kingdom will come to the heart of (salvation) _____

5. What would you also include in your prayer from now on besides asking for your needs?
Have you thanked the Lord Jesus for teaching you to pray?
Dear Jesus _____

Let's Remember: "And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find, knock, and it will be open to you." (Luke 11:9)

