

I'M IN CHARGE
Playground Prayers – Part 3

ON TV/OUTLINE: “And lead us not into temptation.” Matthew 6:13

ON TV: WHAT leads you and me into temptation? **WHO** leads you and me into temptation? Do we lead **OURSELVES** into temptation?

ON TV: “Follow me.”

ON TV: “Believe in me.”

ON TV/OUTLINE: “...whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16b

ON TV/OUTLINE: “If any of you want to be my follower you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, and follow me.” Matthew 16:24

ON TV: “And while you believe in Me, try to behave and you’ll be fine.”

ON TV: If you’re simply a believer, you might not be a follower.

ON TV/OUTLINE: “Lord, *teach us* to pray.” Luke 11:1b

ON TV/OUTLINE: “6 But when you pray do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father *knows what you need before you ask him.*” Matthew 6:6,8

ON TV: Why should we pray if God already knows what we need?

ON TV: The purpose of prayer is to **align our will** with God's will; to **surrender** our will, not impose it.

ON TV/OUTLINE: “9 This, then, is *how* you should pray: ‘Our Father in heaven hallowed by your name, 10 your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.’” Matthew 6:9-10

ON TV/OUTLINE: “Give us today...” Matthew 6:11a

ON TV: Provision, Pardon, Protection

ON TV/OUTLINE: “Give us today our daily bread.” Matthew 6:11

ON TV/OUTLINE: “Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.” Matthew 6:12

ON TV: Forgiveness is good for you and me.

ON TV/OUTLINE: “And lead us not into temptation...” Matthew 6:13a

ON TV: Do you pray this? Do you ask for this?

ON TV: A **hypocrite**

ON TV/OUTLINE: “15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to *empathize* with our weakness, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet *he did not sin.* 16 Let us then approach God’s throne of *grace* with *confidence* so that *we may receive mercy* and find *grace* to help us in our time of need.” Hebrews 4:15-16

ON TV: Do we want mercy and grace in our time of need? Do we actually want to be **delivered from temptation**?

ON TV: Religion or Cultural Christianity

ON TV/OUTLINE: *“And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.” Matthew 6:13*

ON TV: Deliver: to rescue one from danger, or to preserve.

ON TV: WHAT leads you and me into temptation? **WHO** leads you and me into temptation? Do we lead **OURSELVES** into temptation?

ON TV: fear, isolation, insecurity, anger, resentment, jealousy, greed false assumptions about other people, lies we believe, loneliness, revenge

ON TV: Protection and **Gratification**

ON TV: Why am I here? What’s my purpose?

ON TV: Who do I belong to? Who am I here for?

ON TV: A meaningful life is where we become a means to an end other than ourselves.

ON TV/OUTLINE: *“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, **but to serve...**” Mark 10:45a*

ON TV/OUTLINE: *“...faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by **action**, is **dead**.” James 2:17b*

ON TV/OUTLINE: *“Anyone who hears these words of mind and does not put them into **practice** is like a person who builds their life on the sand.” Matthew 7:26*

ON TV/OUTLINE: *“...As I have loved you, so **you must** love one another.” John 13:34b*

ON TV: Jesus’ prayer is a pattern for prayer. **It’s not a formula.**

ON TV/OUTLINE: *“**Cast** all your cares on him because he cares for you.” 1 Peter 5:7*

ON TV/OUTLINE: *“This, then, is **how** you should pray: ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed by your name, 10 your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us today our daily bread. 12 Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.’” Matthew 6:9-13*

ON TV: *“For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.”*

ON TV:

- Address God as **Father**
- Declare his **Greatness**
- **Surrender** you will
- Acknowledge your **dependence** on him for your provision, pardon, and protection

ON TV/OUTLINE: *“...your Father, who is unseen...who sees what is done is secret, will reward you.” Matthew 6:6b*