

SUMMER at GRACEWOOD - 7
“Praying Like Jesus”
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SIX PRINCIPLES FOR A POWER-FILLED LIFE:

1. Powerful prayer is the source of a power-filled life.

Luke 11:1 “Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray...’” (NKJV)

Luke 3:21 “Now when all the people were baptized, Jesus was also baptized, and while He was praying, heaven was opened...” (NASB 1995)

Luke 6:12 “It was at this time that He went off to the mountain to pray, and He spent the whole night in prayer to God.” (NASB 1995)

Luke 5:16 “But Jesus Himself would often slip away to the wilderness and pray.” (NASB 1995)

Luke 9:18 “Now it happened that as he was praying alone, the disciples were with him. And he asked them, “Who do the crowds say that I am?” (ESV)

Luke 9:29 “As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe became white and glistening.” (NKJV)

Mark 1:35 “Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed.” (NKJV)

2. Powerful prayer is based on a relationship with God as our Lord.

Luke 11:2 “Jesus said, “This is how you should pray: ‘Father, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon.’” (NLT)

Matthew 6:6 “But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.” (NASB 1995)

John 16:23 “And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.” (NKJV)

“Abba, Father”

Romans 8:15 “For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, “Abba! Father!” (NASB 1995)

Galatians 4:6 “And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, ‘Abba, Father.’” (NLT)

“Abba, Father” implies 2 things:

1. **Relational intimacy with God.**
2. **An obedient heart toward God.**

3. Powerful prayer is the key to seeing God’s will done.

Luke 11:2 “And He said to them, “When you pray, say: ‘Father, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come.’” (NASB 1995)

Matthew 6:9-10 *“Pray then like this: ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.’” (ESV)*

4. Powerful prayer is concerned about others as well as ourselves.

Luke 11:3-4 *“Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.” (ESV)*

“We shall never see much change for the better in our churches in general till the prayer meeting occupies a higher place in the esteem of Christians.” -Charles Spurgeon on prayer

5. Powerful prayer aggressively seeks a response from God.

Luke 11:5-6 *“Then Jesus said to them, ‘Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.’” (NIV)*

Luke 11:7 *“And suppose the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’” (NIV)*

Luke 11:8 *“I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs.” (ESV)*

impudence; Greek: “anaideia” - a lack of sensitivity to what is considered proper

This is how you approach God.

Luke 11:11-12 *“What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; 12 or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? (ESV)*

Luke 11:10 *“For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.” (ESV)*

Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance. It's laying hold of His willingness. -Phillip Brooks

6. Powerful prayer knows that God will do what is best.

Luke 11:13 *“If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!” (ESV)*