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The Habit of **Abundant Prayer**

HABITS are actions that are _____, and that have become natural because of continued _____. **HABITS** are the things we do without _____ but accomplish with _____ and _____.

Luke 11:1, 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'.

How Jesus Modeled Prayer

1. Jesus modeled praying _____ others. (Matthew 19: 13-15, John 17, Luke 22:32)

Matthew 19:13, "Then little children were brought to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them."

John 17:9, "I [Jesus] pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given Me, for they are Yours."

2. Jesus modeled praying _____ others. (Luke 9: 12-17 & 28, Acts 1:14)

Luke 9:28, "[Jesus] took Peter, John and James with Him and went up onto a mountain to pray."

Acts 1:14, "They all joined together constantly in prayer ..."

3. Jesus modeled praying _____ from others. (Luke 5:16, 6:12, Mark 1:35, Matthew 14:23)

Luke 5:16, "But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed."

Psalms 46:10, "Be still, and know that I am God."

Psalms 19:1, "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands."

Luke 6:12, "One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray"

4. Jesus modeled praying over the _____ . (Luke 6:12, John 17)

Luke 6:12, Jesus "spent the night praying to God."

5. Jesus knew that _____ his prayers would be answered as _____ . (Matthew 26: 36-44)

Matthew 26:36-44, Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Couldn't you men keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done." When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing.

Matthew 6:7-8, And when you pray, do not babble on like pagans, for they think that by their many words they will be heard. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.

Life Application:

Make a commitment today to pray more frequently with more faith-filled prayers than ever before.

I will _____.