

Jesus' Practice of Prayer

Luke 11:1

We can see by Jesus' practice of prayer that it was both a necessity and a privilege for Jesus to pray. As we look at some of the occasions when Jesus prayed as recorded in Luke's gospel, we can learn biblical truths that will mature our faith and grow us into stronger prayer warriors for the kingdom of God.

1. Jesus prayed at His baptism Luke 3:21

- heaven's portals opened
- Holy Spirit's presence was seen
- God's pronouncement was heard

Biblical truths learned:

- prayer opens the portals of heaven
- prayer allows us to sense the very real presence of the Holy Spirit
- prayer allows both communion and communication with God

2. Jesus prayed before He chose the twelve apostles Luke 6:12

- all night long
- for discernment and wisdom

Biblical truth learned: before life changing decisions are made, intense periods of prayer will help give us discernment and wisdom to make the right choices.

3. Jesus prayed over the loaves and fishes Luke 9:16

- God's blessings and His provision come through prayer
- God can do what we think is impossible

Biblical truth learned: God's blessing and provision for life come through prayer

4. Jesus in a private season of prayer Luke 9:18

- before announcing God's will for His life
- before calling His disciples to follow God's will

Biblical truth learned: to know and follow God's will for our lives demands constant, fervent prayer.

5. Jesus prayed on the Mount of Transfiguration Luke 9:28

- the glory of heaven came down
- direct communication from God was again heard

Biblical truth learned: prayer is a necessary element of worship as we seek God's presence.

6. Jesus prayed as an example Luke 11:1

- to teach us to pray

Biblical truth learned: your prayer life is a tool by which you teach those closest to you the disciplines of the faith life.

7. Jesus prayed for Peter Luke 22:32

- for spiritual strength

Biblical truth learned: the privilege of intercessory prayer

8. Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane Luke 22:41

- the exhortation to prayer, vs. 40
- the efficacy of prayer, vs. 42
- the effort of prayer, vs. 44

Biblical truths learned:

- Jesus taught that prayer gives power over temptation
- Jesus demonstrated that the power to perform the will of God in our lives comes through prayer
- Jesus demonstrated that earnest prayer comes with intense effort

“who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear,” Heb. 5:7-8

9. Jesus prayed on the cross, Luke 23:34

- displaying utmost faith in God’s power and His plan to the very end

Biblical truth learned: from His baptism to His death, prayer was an essential part of Jesus life and it should be in our lives also.

You cannot live a victorious life that is pleasing to God without prayer!