

The Lord's Prayer

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1. Depend on Him for Everything.

Matthew 6:11 Give us today our daily bread.

A. "Give" doesn't just remind us of what we need from God; it reminds us of our need for God.

John 6:35 Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

B. When we pray, we are looking to the Bread of Life to provide our daily bread.

Exodus 16:4 Then the Lord said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions."

C. God does not want you to worry about tomorrow or next week or next year. He wants us to trust Him for daily provision.

Philippians 4:19 And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

1) Everyday bring all of your needs to God.

2) Depend on Him for everything that you need.

2. Get Your Heart Right with God and People.

Matthew 6:12 Forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors.

Luke 11:4 Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory.

A. You have to ask yourself, "is my heart right with God?"

Psalms 139:23 Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

B. What are the benefits of me forgiving somebody?

- 1) Your health
- 2) Jesus told us to do it

Matthew 6:14-15 For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins your father will not forgive your sins.

C. We must be ready and willing to forgive.

D. 5 Steps to Forgiveness

- 1) *Recognize your need for forgiveness from the Father.*

Ephesians 1:7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace

- 2) *Be Humble.*

James 4:10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up.

- 3) *Show Compassion.*

1 Peter 3:8-9 Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.

- 4) *Be Merciful*

Luke 6:36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

- 5) *Love...because love keeps no record of wrongs!*

1 John 3:18 Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

3. Confront the Enemy

Matthew 6:13 And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.

A. Temptations come in all shapes and sizes.

B. We need to realize we have an enemy.

1 Peter 5:8 Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

Ephesians 6:10-12 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Matthew 6:6 But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

C. When prayer becomes your daily habit, seeing God move will be your daily experience.

- 1) Prayer changes things.
- 2) Prayer is the one thing available to anybody anytime.