

## December 14, 2025 Sermon Notes

### *"How to Pray and Get Answers"*

**REMEMBER GOD'S BLESSINGS ARE CONDITIONAL.**

- I. THE MODEL PRAYER: 5 STEPS FOR EFFECTIVE PRAYER**  
**LUKE 11:1 – 4**

**STEP 1 – HONOR HIS NAME**  
**("HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME")**

**PRAYER BEGINS WITH WORSHIP.**

**PSALMS 86:11 – 13**

**STEP 2 – SEEK HIS WILL**  
**("YOUR KINGDOM COME")**

**IT TAKES COURAGE TO PRAY THIS WAY, WHY?**

**ROMANS 12:1 – 2**

**STEP 3 – TRUST HIS PROVISION**  
**("GIVE US EACH DAY OUR DAILY BREAD")**

**NOT WEEKLY BREAD, OR RETIREMENT – FUNDED BREAD.**

**STEP 4 – ADMIT YOUR FAILURES**  
**("FORGIVE US... AS WE FORGIVE")**

**1 JOHN 1:7 – 9 TO REMAIN IN DAILY FELLOWSHIP WITH OUR FATHER.**

**STEP 5 – SEEK HIS PROTECTION**  
**("LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION")**

## *Sermon Notes, Continued...*

**DO I BELIEVE GOD'S PATH BRINGS TRUE HAPPINESS AND LASTING FULFILLMENT, OR IN MY CHOOSING THE EMPTY THRILL OF A TEMPORARY PLEASURE?**

**PROVERBS 27:12**

- II. WHY PERSISTENCE MATTERS**  
**LUKE 11:5 – 8**

**JESUS IS CONTRASTING THE RELUCTANT FRIEND TO A GENEROUS GOD WHO NEVER SLEEPS.**

**WHY BE PERSISTENT IN OUR PRAYERS?**

- III. GOD'S PROMISE TO ANSWER**  
**LUKE 11:9 – 13**

**WHY YOU CAN PRAY WITH CONFIDENCE. "HOW MUCH MORE WILL YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER GIVE."**

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