3 Basic Types of Prayers

**Experience Asking God**

**Monday**

Read Matthew 7:7-11, Matthew 6:8, Matthew 34:15-17

* *The first type of prayer is the prayer of petition (asking God). God doesn’t need you to ask; He already knows what you need. But asking is His gift to you so you know He is listening. Ask God today, openly and freely.*

**Tuesday**

Read Psalms 62:7, Psalms 71

* *God wants us to ask Him because He knows we need to depend on Him. Journalize all the things you depend on God for and spend some more time asking Him for His help today.*

**Wednesday**

Read Matthew 7:7-8, John 16:24, James 1:5-7

* *Carefully read these scriptures and meditate on the words ‘give’ and ‘receive.’ God always gives but sometime our heart is not open to receive. The practice of asking disciplines our heart to stay open so that we can receive. Spend time analyzing yourself to see when and why your heart is open at times and seemingly closed other times.*

**Thursday**

Read Matthew 6:7, Matthew 7:9-11, Philippians 4:19

* *Avoid repetitive prayers. Talk to God and ask God as you would your best friend (because He is). God is super good and loves you completely. Spend time with God today.*

**Friday**

Read Read Ephesians 3:20, Joshua 10:1-15, Zechariah 10:1

* *We ask God because we have overwhelming needs and we must have God’s help.*

3 Basic Types of Prayers - Part 1

Yongi Cho book "Prayer: the key to revival"

Matthew 7:7 “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

9 “Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? 11 If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

**1. The prayer of petition - Ask and it will be given to you**

Why do we need to ask?

a. It teaches us that God listens to us.  It is an incredible thing to pray and experience God’s answers…it is an amazing testament to the fact that God exists and that He loves us and cares for us.

Matthew 6:8

... your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

He doesn’t need you to ask him, asking him is a gift to you so you know He is listening to you.

Psalms 34: 15 The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are attentive to their cry;

17 The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles.

B. It teaches us to depend on the Lord.

I once asked the Lord, “Do I need to ask you for everything?”  Yes…I want you to learn to depend on me.

Psalm 62:7 My salvation and my honor depend on God;  he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

Psalm 71

1 In you, Lord, I have taken refuge;

 let me never be put to shame.

2 In your righteousness, rescue me and deliver me;

turn your ear to me and save me.

3 Be my rock of refuge,

to which I can always go;

give the command to save me,

for you are my rock and my fortress.

C. Asking keeps our hearts open to God

Matthew 7:7 “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives;

There are two separate things that take place when we ask.  God gives and we receive.  We can only receive, however, if we have an open heart. The practice of asking, teaches us to naturally open our heart to God so that we can receive.  So lately, I have been asking God a lot and frequently simply to open my heart.  If I open my heart, I can be sure that I will receive what God is giving me.

John 16:24 New International Version (NIV)

24 Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

D. Asking God teaches us that prayer is simply talking to God, which points to relationship with Him, not empty religion

Matthew 6:7 New International Version (NIV)

7 And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words.

Asking is simple, its quick and it is non-repetitive.

That is not to say that you can’t ask God for the same thing over a period of time but to rehearse the same prayer over and over must be incredibly insulting to God.

Talk to God because you and He are building a relationship.

A friend of mine told me that she had been told she didn’t know how to pray.  She said, I’m just talking to God like I would my friend.

E. You ask God because you have needs, some of which you can’t deal with yourself

Ephesians 3:20 New International Version (NIV)

20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,

F. Asking God teaches us that God is abundantly good and that He loves us immensely

Matthew 7:9 “Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? 11 If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

Philippians 4:19 New International Version (NIV)

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