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JESUS' SCHOOL OF MINISTRY IN PRACTICAL LIVING

Luke 11: 1 – 13

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JESUS' EIGHT IMPORTANT LESSONS ON PRACTICAL LIVING

LUKE 10: 21 – 14: 35

- **LESSON #1: LUKE 10: 25 – 37** - FOLLOWING JESUS IS FIRST & FOREMOST ABOUT **LOVE**. UNLESS WE LOVE THOSE AROUND US, WE HAVE NOT UNDERSTOOD WHAT IT MEANS TO PARTNER WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT. FOLLOWING JESUS IS NOT ABOUT OBEYING RULES OR BUSY ACTIVITY BUT IT IS ABOUT LOVING LIKE JESUS
- **LESSON #2: LUKE 10:38 – 11:13** – PARTNERSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT IS FIRST AND FOREMOST ABOUT **PRAYER**
- **LESSON #3: LUKE 11: 14 -36** - THE THIRD LESSON IN JESUS' CLASS IS ABOUT **OBEDIENCE**. "BLESSED RATHER ARE THOSE WHO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD AND OBEY IT" (Luke 11: 28, NET Bible)



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- **LESSON #4: LUKE 11: 37 – 12:12** – ANYONE WHO WISHED TO PARTNER WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL NEED COURAGE. IT TAKES **COURAGE TO SHARE THE GOSPEL** HONESTLY. IT TAKES COURAGE NOT TO BE SILENT OUT OF POLITICAL (OR BUSINESS) EXPEDIENCY. IT TAKES COURAGE TO COUNT THE COST & NOT BE FRIGHTENED OF WHAT MAN CAN DO TO US.
- **LESSON #5: LUKE 12: 13 – 48** – THIS LESSON IN JESUS' SCHOOL OF MINISTRY IS ABOUT **MONEY** ESP. HOW TO BREAK FREE FROM THE WORLD'S IMPRISONMENT TO MONEY. "FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE YOUR HEART WILL BE ALSO"



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- **LESSON #6: LUKE 12: 49 – 13:21** – ANYONE WHO WISHES TO PARTNER WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL NEED AN EYE TEST. **CLEAR VISION WILL BE REQUIRED** - CAN WE SEE THAT THE GOSPEL ALWAYS DIVIDES (12: 49-53); THAT THE DAY OF JUDGEMENT IS COMING (12:54 -59); THAT WE CAN SEE THE URGENCY OF THE CALL (13: 1-9); THAT WE CAN SEE THE WORK OF THE DEVIL IN THE WORLD (13:10 -17); THAT WE CAN SEE THAT WE ARE ON THE WINNING SIDE (13:18 -21).
- **LESSON #7: LUKE 13: 17 – 21** – THIS LESSON IN JESUS' SCHOOL OF MINISTRY IS THAT **COMMUNICATION MATTERS** ESPECIALLY IF WE ARE TO BE EFFECTIVE MESSENGERS OF THE GOSPEL.



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- **LESSON #8: LUKE 13: 22 – 14: 24** - THIS FINAL LESSON IS THE HARDEST OF ALL. IT IS ALL ABOUT **HUMILITY**. JESUS WANTS US TO LEARN THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE PERSON TO TAKE THE CREDIT IN THIS PARTNERSHIP. ARE WE WILLING TO ALLOW ALL THE GLORY TO GO TO HIM WHO HAS SAID “I AM THE LORD! THAT IS MY NAME! I WILL NOT SHARE MY GLORY WITH ANYONE ELSE OR THE PRAISE DUE ME WITH IDOLS” (ISAIAH 42:8, NET Bible)



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LESSONS IN PRACTICAL LIVING#2: PRAYER

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A BRIEF RECAP OF LAST SUNDAY'S MESSAGE

LUKE 10: 38 – 42

- BOTH MARTHA AND MARY WERE LOVED BY JESUS. HE ENJOYED SPENDING TIME WITH THEM & LAZARUS.
- THE STORY OF MARTHA & MARY TEACHES US OF **THE IMPORTANCE OF LOVING GOD FIRST.**
- MARTHA WAS NOT REBUKED FOR HER **FAITHFUL SERVICE OF HOSPITALITY**, BUT SHE IS CORRECTED BY JESUS.
- HER MISTAKE WAS TO ASSUME THAT HER SISTER SHOULD BE MINISTERING IN THE SAME WAY AS SHE WAS.
- BOTH SISTERS HAD VALUABLE MINISTRIES, BUT IN THAT SITUATION DESCRIBED BY JESUS, MARY HAD IT RIGHT. SHE DID THE THING THAT MOST DELIGHTS GOD.



**“LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD
WITH ALL YOUR HEART,
WITH ALL YOUR SOUL,
WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH,
&
WITH ALL YOUR MIND”**



MARY & MARTHA'S STORY PROVIDES AN
IMPORTANT LAUNCH-PAD TO JESUS'
TEACHING ABOUT PRAYER.

GOD DOES NOT WANT OUR DEEDS.

HE WANTS US.

GOD LOVES IT WHEN WE
CONNECT WITH HIS LOVE



**GOD LONGS FOR A
RELATIONSHIP WITH US.**

**HE LOVES IT WHEN WE
ENGAGE IN A
CONVERSATION WITH HIM**



‘PRAYER IS ALWAYS MEANT TO BE A CONVERSATION’

**FROM “STRAIGHT TO THE HEART OF LUKE”
BY PHIL MOORE, 2017**



**A PRAYER THAT IS PERFECT
FOR
EVERY DISCIPLE OF CHRIST.**

**IF WE LOVE HIM,
WE WILL BE WILLING TO
RECEIVE
JESUS' INSTRUCTIONS
– “WHEN YOU PRAY”**



**A PRAYER THAT IS A MODEL
THAT DEMONSTRATES A
SEQUENCE OF PRIORITIES.**



PRIORITY #1

INTIMACY



PRIORITY #1

**WORSHIP AND DEVOTION
TO GOD & GOD'S PURPOSES
ESTABLISH THE DIRECTION
&
CONTEXT OF PRAYER**



PRIORITY #2

SELFLESSNESS



PRIORITY #2

**WE SHOULD PRAY FOR WHAT WE
NEED (OUR DAILY BREAD)**

BUT

**PRAYER MUST BE THE
EXTENSION OF A SELFLESS LIFE**



***“SUPPOSE ONE OF YOU HAS A
FRIEND, AND YOU GO TO HIM AT
MIDNIGHT AND SAY TO HIM,
‘FRIEND, LEND ME THREE LOAVES
OF BREAD, BECAUSE A FRIEND OF
MINE HAS STOPPED HERE WHILE
ON A JOURNEY, AND I HAVE
NOTHING TO SET BEFORE HIM.’”***

LUKE 11: 5,6 The NET Bible, 2019



**AN EXAMPLE OF BEING BOLD IN
PRAYER**

BUT

**IT IS SET IN THE CONTEXT OF
SEEKING RESOURCES
TO BLESS SOMEONE ELSE.**



PRIORITY #3

IMPUDENCE



PRIORITY #3

***“I TELL YOU, EVEN THOUGH THE MAN
INSIDE WILL NOT GET UP AND GIVE HIM
ANYTHING BECAUSE HE IS HIS FRIEND,
YET
BECAUSE OF THE FIRST MAN’S
SHEER PERSISTENCE,
HE WILL GET UP AND GIVE HIM
WHATEVER HE NEEDS”***

LUKE 11: 8; The NET Bible, 2019



PRIORITY #4

PERSISTENCE



***“SO I TELL YOU:
ASK, AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN TO
YOU; SEEK, AND YOU WILL FIND;
KNOCK AND THE DOOR WILL BE
OPENED FOR YOU.”***

LUKE 11: 9; The NET Bible, 2019



PERSISTENCE IS AN INDICATION OF OUR SOUL'S CONFIDENCE

THOSE WHO PERSIST IN PRAYER ARE PEOPLE WHO
BELIEVE THAT GOD WILL ANSWER.

THEIR PRAYERS ARE NOT WORKS,
BUT ACTS OF FAITH
-NOT RITUAL BUT RELIANCE



PRIORITY #5

**WE SHOULD, WE MUST,
ALWAYS**

SEEK THE GIVER & NOT THE GIFT.



**JESUS IS TEACHING US
THROUGH THIS PASSAGE OF
SCRIPTURE THAT THIS IS
HOW WE DEVELOP
A RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR
FATHER GOD**



**THE FATHER WILL NOT ANSWER
ALL OUR PRAYERS
STRAIGHTAWAY**

WHY?



**PRAYER IS
NOT SO
MUCH ABOUT THE JOURNEY
AS
IT IS ABOUT THE DESTINATION**



PRIORITY #6

**ABOVE ALL;
JESUS TEACHES US THAT WE
SHOULD BE FOCUSSED TO
WHAT IS TRULY BEST**



**WE ARE BEING TRAINED IN
JESUS' SCHOOL OF MINISTRY TO
NOT NEGLECT OUR DAILY
RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM.**

**WE CAN NEVER ASK TOO MUCH
OF GOD IN PRAYER.**



GOD WANTS US TO HAVE THE BEST.

**IF GOD DOES NOT ANSWER YOUR
PRAYER,
IT MAY BE THAT HE HAS SOMETHING
BETTER IN STORE FOR YOU.**

HE ALWAYS ANSWERS PRAYER.



**PRAYER IS
LIKE
THAT WONDERFUL WARM
CONFIDENCE THAT
CHILDREN DISPLAY
WHEN THEY KNOW THAT
THEIR FATHER WOULD
DO ANYTHING* FOR THEM**



*** A QUALIFICATION
BY “ANYTHING”
AS A RESPONSIBLE FATHER,
I MEAN “ANYTHING”
EXCEPT
THAT WHICH WOULD BE HARMFUL TO THEM.**



PRAYER IS
AN *ADMISSION*
AND
AN *EXPRESSION*
OF
DEPENDENCE

ALISTAIR BEGG, 2019



**OUR FAITH IS AN
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF
GOD'S LOVE**



***“IF YOU THEN, ALTHOUGH YOU
ARE EVIL, KNOW HOW TO GIVE
GOOD GIFTS TO YOUR CHILDREN,
HOW MUCH MORE WILL THE
HEAVENLY FATHER GIVE THE HOLY
SPIRIT TO THOSE WHO ASK HIM”***

LUKE 11: 13; The NET Bible, 2019

cf. MATTHEW 7:11; PSALM 37:4



**THIS IS THE HIGH POINT OF THE
LORD'S PRAYER –
THE MAGNIFICENT GIFT OF HIS
HOLY SPIRIT**

***INDEED, HE WHO DID NOT SPARE HIS OWN SON,
BUT GAVE HIM UP FOR US ALL – HOW WILL HE
NOT ALSO, ALONG WITH HIM, FREELY GIVE US
ALL THINGS?***

ROMANS 8: 32; THE NET BIBLE, 2019



**THE PROMISES OF GOD THAT HE
WOULD POUR OUT HIS SPIRIT
ON ALL FLESH (EZEKIEL 36: 26, 27)
HAVE BEEN FULFILLED AT
PENTECOST.**



**BELIEVERS NO LONGER HAVE TO PRAY TO
RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT**

(1 COR. 12: 13; EPHESIANS 1:13)

BUT

**WE STILL PRAY FOR THE ONGOING WORK
OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN OUR LIVES**

**IN ALL OUR PRAYING,
THE GREATEST GIFT IS THE FULLNESS OF
THE HOLY SPIRIT**



***“I DO NOT CEASE TO GIVE
THANKS FOR YOU, REMEMBERING
YOU IN MY PRAYERS, THAT THE
GOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
THE FATHER OF GLORY, MAY GIVE
YOU **THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM AND
REVELATION**
IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIM”***

EPHESIANS 1:16, 17; ESV
See also EPHESIANS 3: 14 - 21



CONCLUSION



**PRAYER GIVES
US THE
OPPORTUNITY
TO ENJOY GOD'S
PRESENCE AND
TALK WITH HIM.**

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PRAYER IS SIMPLY THE KEY TO EVERYTHING WE NEED TO DO AND BE IN LIFE

**FROM “PRAYER – EXPERIENCING AWE AND INTIMACY WITH GOD”
BY TIM KELLER, 2014**



**IF YOU ARE ATTEMPTING TO SERVE GOD & YOU HAVE A BUSY
SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES ALONG WITH A FRENZIED LIST OF TASKS
TO COMPLETE...**

REMEMBER

**GOD IS NOT ASKING YOU TO STRESS OUT,
BUT RATHER
TO STRETCH OUT YOUR HANDS IN PRAYER.**



***‘A MAN IS WHAT HE IS ON HIS
KNEES BEFORE GOD,
AND NOTHING MORE’***

ROBERT MURRAY M'CHEYNE



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