

What to Pray and How to Pray

The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience. Having yourself well in hand and not reacting while inside you are boiling — that is not what patience is. Neither is it kindness to want to hit somebody, but you don't do it because you have to be kind. That's not even self-control. We don't maintain peace, we *have* peace. If I have fellowship with our Master, my brothers don't irritate me. It's all a matter of fellowship with Him.

If we sin, and our sin is not being dealt with, confessed and forsaken (renounced) then we will not be happy, have mercy, compassion. All we can do is to keep our mind on our sin, on our self.

God has compassion on us — that is prosperity. Our conscience scrutinizes our sin. We don't have peace until our sin is forsaken and confessed (Pr 28:13).

If we are not prospering, if we don't have peace, we can judge ourselves by that. If I am cut off from fellowship, from the nourishment of the vine, I am in a state of being defiled. This is where godless chatter comes from and everything else. Your mind is off the Spirit and you are just carnal, especially if you don't deal with your sin. Most people want to confess their sin, but not really forsake it. So they are still in that state — no love, peace, joy, etc. Our will has to be involved in it. We have to really forsake our sin.

We have to enjoy fellowship with Him more than our sin.

2 Tim 2:16,17,20,21 — The thief only comes to get the precious things.

If our Master were here in person, what would you ask Him to do? What would you command Him? The disciples commanded Him. He just came back from praying. They commanded Him, “Teach us to pray.” He taught them everything. Somehow it was passed on and preserved. Luke must have been in on many things. He wrote down things that neither Matthew nor Mark wrote. Luke was kind of a traveling companion of Paul. Mark was also with Paul. They weren't of the twelve.

Lk 11:1-4 — “But deliver us from the evil one.” This part is in originally. It's in Mt 6. One account omits this.

This is how He taught them to pray. They really learned to pray this way. Really. You have to keep on reading in verse 5. What was the question? “Master, teach us how to pray, how to get our prayers answered.”

Lk 11:5-13 — The Holy Spirit comes in gifts, in all the gifts that we need in the body to function. If we don't pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit, if we don't have all the gifts in the Body we are just barely limping along (Mt 7:11).

Rom 5:8 — He already proved His love by dying for us. He doesn't have to come back and die again on a cross. We know it by faith. Just like revelation. He doesn't have to give us the same revelation as He gave John, doing signs and wonders. It is recorded. It comes to us by faith. Blessed are those who read and hear and do the words of the book of Revelation. We are hearing by faith. Think about Paul. He went to the third heaven. Did any of us go there? Do we want to go there or just believe Paul?

[The Lord's day in Rev 1:10 is the *imperial* day, not the *Lord's* day. 1 Cor 11:20 is the *Lord's* Supper — the *imperial* supper. The imperial day is a day not to be opposed by obstacles, a day demanding supreme attention in preparing for, the royal day being brought into fruition. Rev 1:3,10 — The trumpet sound signaled the supreme authority, a supreme command (verse 11). It's pertaining to the end of time, like the time is run out.]

Lk 11:8 — Our Master urged the disciples to have boldness, persistence. Lk 18 — the persistent widow (Eph 3:12; Heb 4:16).

Boldness and persistence is almost the same word. If you don't have boldness, confidence, you don't have persistence.

People who just pray once for something won't get what they are asking for. They are not having persistence. If you need something or desire something so much that you can't go on without having it you are persistent about it, you keep on praying about it.

Jms 1:5-8 — You don't get if you only ask for self-glorification, to spend it on yourself. Our Master also gave His disciples the assurance that if they would pray persistently the Father would grant them what they ask for. Once you know these things, you'll be blessed if you do them. Jn 13:17 — This is written down for us 2,000 years later.

Mt 7:11 — The gifts come with His power (Lk 11:13). Mt 7:11 and Lk 11:13 obviously talk about the same thing. It's expressed slightly different so we can understand it.

Many things in the gospels are like this. Like somewhere it says “many times,” but then in one gospel it says “100 times as many houses, farms, etc.” So the *many* means not just 4 or 5, but at least 100.

The Holy Spirit is defined in Mt 7:11 and Lk 11:13. We have to learn to rightly divide the word of God. Otherwise we are not worth anything.

2 Tim 2:15 — We have to be diligent to present ourselves to God, otherwise we come to ruin. Anyone who handles the word has to do this. If we handle the word of God and have godless chatter we come to ruin. 1 Pet 4:11 — Someone who is defiled only brings defilement when he teaches, speaks, preaches. If someone works on the freepaper in the flesh, he defiles the freepaper. Then our Father can't really bless the paper the way He wants to. If we do things in our own strength, seeking our own glory, it brings everything to ruin. 1 Pet 4:11 — You can't even work in the flesh in the Body. It defiles. Everything in the Body has to be done without sin, abiding in Him. You can't be with Messiah and sin. You have to be enticed away from Him (Jms 1:13-15).

Mt 6:12; Lk 11:4 is the debt of our sins against us.

Mk 11:25 — If I'm in the minchah and realize I have something against someone, I am just to forgive that person, because that person didn't come to me. I have to think the best. Satan wants to tell us that our brother ignored us, was unkind, gave us a bad look, etc. Sometimes we have things on our mind and things like this happen.

Mt 18:35 — If we don't forgive *from the heart* we'll be turned over to the torturers. This is very serious. He wouldn't say this unless it was absolutely true. This could apply to some of

us in this room. He is not threatening us with this. He is trying to keep us from that. This is the consequence of sin. It is a fact. He is saving us from the consequence of our sin.

Mt 25:41,46 — The lake of fire is not made for men. We'll be turned over to what's already in existence.

Lk 11:2-4 — It summons God to make His Kingdom and His will. First of all we pray that His name would be great. His name can't be great apart from us. If we are defiled by foolishness, godless chatter, etc., His name will never be great. If we are not with Him we are against Him. We all have to be elevated to a place where we don't have godless chatter come out of us, our philosophical conversations.

Mt 21:43; 24:14 — We have to bear the fruit of the kingdom in order to be a light to all the nations. To do this we have to forsake all these things in Mk 7:21-22. Even evil thoughts defile us. If we engage in the Body with a defiled mind we defile the Body.

We are in the Body; we can't get out of it. We're either a blessing or a curse. We can either forgive or hold grudges. We can either be led by the Spirit, or we choose not to.

Lk 11:5-8 is *how* we should pray, not what to pray. Verses 2-4 teaches us what to pray. Verses 9-13 are instructions as to be persistent and then He'll answer us (Lk 18:6-7).

We have the confirmation of the Holy Spirit and the word. When they come together we know. We may not be so sure that the Holy Spirit is speaking, but when they come together we know.

If we don't pray according to Lk 11 then Jn 8:51 will happen to us.

Jn 8:31; 14:21 — Is He threatening us from death, or is He trying to save us from death? Obey Me and you'll be rescued from death. He is keeping us from going to death. There is a person in Mt 25 who thought our Master was a hard taskmaster for saying that. He was turned over to outer darkness for maintaining such a wicked thought (verse 30).

Of course those thoughts come to us, but we don't have to maintain them. Satan is the prince and power of the air (Eph 6). We have to put on the helmet of salvation.

Many people don't understand this, won't understand this, will leave, turn against you, turn you in to the authority. If I don't put my mind on the Spirit, I'll fall. But it doesn't have to be.

2 Pet 3:9 — Our Father right now is trying to reach our heart. Is the letter addressed to us or to the world? Who is He trying to reach? He is patient with us. We already came to the repentance at baptism. In 2 Pet 3:9 He is talking about another repentance. He is talking about the work that the Holy Spirit is doing in us so that we can be a pure vessel for Him. We have to go somewhere. We haven't reached it yet. If we don't get there we'll see death (not eternal death).

He wants us to have the full mind of Messiah so that we can be worthy of Him. We are going to have His full mind. When we make a decision it will be His decision.

Now we voluntarily give ourselves to that work to reach full repentance. We need to be progressing, even if it's only one inch. We need not to go back. He is patient. He is not going to put out a smoldering wick and crush a bruised reed. There is hope for a bruised reed. He is going to straighten it out.

There are some people who don't even read the Bible one second a day, hardly pray a second a day. What is a second? Could be called *lukewarmness*?

We are to encourage one another daily. That means everyone is encouraged (Heb 3:13). It's a distribution. We know we've passed out of death into life because we encourage, help another. There is no place in the Bible that says, "We know we have passed out of death into life because we believe." We have passed out of death into life because we believe. But confirmation, knowing, comes by us loving our brothers and sisters.

Hushai: There is no good news in the world like this. Every morning and evening we hear about how to have life and how to be delivered from death.