

TEACH US TO PRAY LUKE 11:1

INTRODUCTION

1. We know that prayer is central to our lives.
2. Sometimes prayer seems hit and miss.
3. How to improve it? Does God say?

Discussion

I. Pray “Smart”

- A. God knows where you are and where you have been
- B. God knows what you need
 1. Matthew 6:8 “Be therefore not like them, for your father knows what you have need of before you ask Him.”
 2. Luke 18:1-8
- C. God knows the truth
 1. Not fooled by *perceived* needs.
 2. Not fooled by *selfish* wants. James 4:3 “Ye ask and have not because ye ask a miss, that you may consume it on your own lusts.”

II. Pray “Quiet” Matthew 6:5; Luke 18:10

- A. Prayer is personal
- B. No one’s business but yours 1 Timothy 2:5 “There is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.”
- C. Not for show

III. Pray “Clean”

- A. Dare not approach the Sovereign of the Universe in soiled clothing
- B. God teaches us to cleanse before approaching Him Leviticus 16: 1-4
- C. Sin will hinder or prevent the prayer James 5: 16-18

IV. Pray “Right”

- A. Seek to be found in God’s will
- B. Surrender yourself to God...really

C. Seek the things of God

1. Matthew 6:33
2. Colossians 3:1

V. Pray “Often”

- A. Jesus, our example, prayed often
- B. “...pray without ceasing...” (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

Conclusion