

THE BEREANS

ACTS 17:11

Luke 11:5-13
Lesson #29
Jesus's Prayer Seminar
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Luke 11

"1 And it came about that while He was praying in a certain place, after He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, 'Lord, **teach us to pray** just as John also taught his disciples.'"

1.
**Example -
A model**

2.
**Encouragement -
Our requests**

3.
**Expectations -
God's responses**



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1. Prayer protocol (example)

Luke 11

"2 And He said to them, 'When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. 3 Give us each day our daily bread. 4 And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.'"

Corporate (liturgical?)

Different wording in Matt.6:9-13.

Not mentioned in Epistles.

Mentioned in the Didache (late 1st cent).

Praise

"Father, **hallowed** be Thy name."

"Thy **kingdom** come."

Petition

"Give us **each day** our **daily** bread."

"**forgive** us our sins,"

"lead us not into **temptation**."

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1. Prayer protocol (example)

"Father, **hallowed** be Thy name."

Humble praise

"Thy **kingdom** come."

Godly priorities

"Give us **each day** our **daily** bread."

Material peace

"**forgive** us our sins,"

Merciful pardon

"lead us not into **temptation**."

Spiritual protection

**Common
fears**

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"Give us **each day** our **daily** bread."

Communal "us"

Discipleship is a very personal commitment
within a very communal context.

Many of our needs are communal.

**We are parts of the "Body of Christ" and
members of one another. Rom.12:5**

**Christianity that does not begin with the
individual does not begin and Christianity
that ends with the individual ends.**

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"Give us **each day** our **daily** bread."

**Material need and provision is a theme
that will be addressed in the parable.**

Philippians 4

"11 Not that I speak from want; for I have **learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am**. 12 I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. 13 I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."

The point:

Learn to be content (at peace) with whatever.

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"Give us **each day** our **daily** bread."

Daily provision

If we have more than we need,
**assume it is a stewardship for ministry
rather than a gift for personal consumption.**

But how can we determine
what we rightfully need?

**The condition of our heart
will determine the answer.**

"for where your treasure is,
there will your heart be also." *Matt.6:21*

Giving is not a gift, it is a sign.

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Luke 21

"1 And He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury. 2 And He saw a certain poor widow putting in two small copper coins. 3 And He said, 'Truly I say to you, **this poor widow put in more than all of them**; 4 for they all out of their surplus put into the offering; but she out of her poverty put in all that she had to live on.'"

2 Corinthians 8

"1 Now, brethren, we wish to make known to you the grace of God which has been given in the churches of Macedonia, 2 that in a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and **their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality**. 3 For I testify that according to their ability, and beyond their ability they gave of their own accord, 4 begging us with much entreaty for the favor of participation in the support of the saints, 5 and this, not as we had expected, but they first **gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God**."

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2.

Don't be ashamed to ask (encouragement)

Luke 11

"5 And He said to them, 'Suppose one of you shall have a friend, and shall go to him at midnight, and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves; 6 for a friend of mine has come to me from a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; 7 and from inside he shall answer and say, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been shut and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.'"

It takes a lot of **nerve & gall** to ask
a friend to bail you out at midnight.

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Luke 11

"8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his **persistence** he will get up and give him as much as he needs."

The Greek word translated "persistence" is
used only here in the N.T. and has the sense of
"shameless" or "risking your honor".

This parable is about
shameless asking.

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1 Peter 5

"5... for God is **opposed to the proud**, but gives grace to the humble. 6 Therefore **humble yourselves** under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, 7 **casting all your anxiety** on Him, because He cares for you."

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2.

Don't be ashamed to ask (encouragement)

"9 So I say to you, **ask**, and it shall be given to you; **seek**, and you shall find; **knock**, and it shall be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it shall be opened."

This parable is also about
assertive asking.

"ask" expectantly (be bold)

"seek" reflectively (be engaged)

"knock" respectfully (be sensitive)



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3. Have realistic (expectations)

Luke 11

“11 Now suppose one of you fathers is asked by his son for a fish; he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he? 12 Or if he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he? 13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the **Holy Spirit** to those who ask Him?”

Matthew 7:11

“If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Father who is in heaven give **what is good** to those who ask Him.”

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- **We ask for** - temporal, material blessings like “fish and eggs”.
- **God gives us** - not snakes and scorpions nor fish and eggs but “Christ’s Spirit”.

Ephesians 1

“18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be **enlightened**, **so that you may know** what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance **in the saints**, 19 and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. ”

Ephesians 3

“14 For this reason, I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, 16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be **strengthened with power** through **His Spirit in the inner man**,”

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3. Have realistic (expectations)

- When we are in danger of losing our health and economic security, **what are we really asking God for?** a temporal / material fix or spiritual perspective, peace, and power?

But what is the “good gift”?

Could it mean that we will be given a sense of peace and security, **but not necessarily by changing our outer circumstances?**



Which would we rather have: health and wealth or **a sense of peace and security that the world cannot give or take away?**

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“They say it is better to be poor and happy than rich and miserable, but how about a compromise like moderately rich and just moody?”



Princess Diana

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3. Have realistic expectations.

“how much more shall your heavenly Father give the **Holy Spirit** to those who ask Him?”

The Spirit brings the mind of Christ (the will of God) to our response to life’s trials.

Romans 8

“26 And in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; 27 and He who searches the hearts **knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.** 28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. ”

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God always answers prayer.

Yes! No! Not yet! or Not enough faith (to see and use the anointing of His Spirit)!

When do we stop petitioning God for a matter?

When we realize that we may already have been given what we really needed.
2 Pet.1:2-11

When He enlightens us to see a higher purpose.
2 Cor.12:9

When He gives us peace.
1 Pet.5:7

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3. Have realistic (expectations)

"how much more shall your heavenly Father give the **Holy Spirit** to those who ask Him?."

Paul's (Satanic) thorn in the flesh

2 Corinthians 12:10

"Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for **when I am weak, then I am strong.**"

Jesus' temptations

Matthew 4:1-11

"On the other hand it is written . . ."

Luke 22:42


"Not my will but Thine be done."

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"Thy **kingdom** come. Thy **will** be done"

Our economy and health are in jeopardy **so we are praying that the economy and our health will be restored.**

- Is this really what we **need**?
- Is the loss of these things **taking away an idol or a crutch** that keeps us from real health and wealth (loving God & others)?
- Is God asking us to **live above the clouds** even while struggling beneath them?
- Is this a call to **witness through ministry**?



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**Some of life's worst
tragedies lead to its**

**greatest
blessings.**



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The greater gift

"A monk in his travels once found a precious stone and kept it. One day he met a traveler, and when the monk opened his bag to share his provisions with him, the traveler saw the jewel and asked the monk to give it to him. The monk did so readily. The traveler departed overjoyed with the unexpected gift of the precious stone that was enough to give him wealth and security for the rest of his life.

However, a few days later he came back in search of the monk, found him, gave him back the stone, and entreated him, 'Now give me something much more precious than this stone, valuable as it is.

**Give me that which enabled
you to give it to me."**



Anthony De Mello
Indian Jesuit priest

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As a powerful woman, how do you respond to those who say that women are not free to be ordained in the Catholic Church?

"Power in the Kingdom of God is love. I don't need a position or a title to exercise that power."

Agnes Mary Donovan PhD
Superior General, Sisters of Life



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Prayer Protocol

- ✓ Recognize who is God and who is not.
- ✓ Respect what is "good" from God's perspective.
- ✓ Ask for contentment and celebrate it.
- ✓ Ask for boldness and express it.
- ✓ Ask for Christ's Spirit and walk in it.
- ✓ Ask for mercy and show it.
- ✓ Ask for protection and give it.
- ✓ Ask for the core desire of God's heart and yours.

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**The life that waits beyond death's door
is for the tasting long before.**

**The challenge is do we have the courage
to taste real life before we die?**

Life is a series of choices forced on us by voices that often come from fears, broken hearts, and tears. Our choice will be the key that sets our spirit free to live above the fray and celebrate the day.

My prayer to God is for His will - a higher vision, a deeper love, a softer heart, and a stronger faith - the Spirit of Jesus.

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