



CHRIST'S SCHOOL OF PRAYER

↳ *When to Stop Praying*

LUKE 11:5-10

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1. Reconsider _____ (vv.5-8)

5 And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, 6 for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; 7 and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? 8 I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. 9 And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. (ESV)

2. Remember _____ (vv.5-6)

3. Resolve _____ (vv.9-10)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Psalm 23:4-6**. Describe a few examples of the "goodness" and "mercy" (v.6) that "followed" you after being made to walk through a "dark valley" (v.3). How can this recollection help you when God's answers to your prayers seem to be slow in coming?
2. Read **2 Corinthians 12:7-10**. Explain how the answer "No" to one of your prayers turned out to actually be the answer "Yes" to a more profound and important prayer you had simultaneously been praying?
3. Read **Psalm 73**. How can you maintain a proper view of God's goodness when it seems God isn't answering your prayers for a "better" life?
4. Read **James 4:1-4**. List a few of the wrongly motivated, selfish, or worldly prayers you have prayed over the years. What might have been the result had God granted those self-indulgent requests?
5. Read **Psalm 103:1-5**. List some of the good and godly things God has done as you have persisted in praying?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

June 28th

Job 13-15 & Ac.8:26-40

June 29th

Job 16-18 & Ac.9:1-22

June 30th

Job 19-20 & Ac.9:23-43

July 1st

Job 21-22 & Ac.10:1-23

July 2nd

Job 23-25 & Ac.10:24-48

July 3rd

Job 26-28 & Ac.11

July 4th

Job 29-30 & Ac.12

July 5th

Job 31-32 & Ac.13:1-23

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. 05-58 – **Three Poignant Questions About Your Prayer Life**

Msg. 07-33 – **Sacrifice Instead of Selfishness**

Msg. 07-23 – **Attempting Great Things for God**

Msg. 99-43 – **What to Do When God Makes You Wait**

Msg. 10-18 – **Praying Through the Pain**

Msg. 04-14 – **Prayer Basics: Making Your Communication with God Purposeful**

Msg. 13-33 – 13-35 – **ATAPAT** (a three-part series on our willingness & the will of God)

This Week's Social Media Hashtag

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For users of Twitter, Facebook, or other social media sites for the grouping of sermon quotes, helpful insights, or your sharable applications drawn from today's sermon.

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Carson, D. A. **A Call to Spiritual Reformation: Priorities from Paul and His Prayers**. Baker Books, 1992.

Eastman, Dick. **No Easy Road: Inspirational Thoughts on Prayer**. Baker Books, 1971.

Foxe, John. **Foxe's Book of Martyrs**. The John C. Winston Co., 1926.

Hefley, James and Marti. **By Their Blood: Christian Martyrs of the 20th Century**. Baker Books, 1996.

Hiebert, Edmond. **Working with God Through Intercessory Prayer**. BJU Press, 1991.

Hunter, Bing. **The God Who Hears**. InterVarsity Press, 1986.

Kelly, Douglas. **If God Already Knows Why Pray?** Christian Focus, 1969.

Moody, D. L. **Prevailing Prayer**. Moody Press, 1987.

Phillips, J. B. **Your God is Too Small**. Touchstone Books, 1997.

Pink, Arthur W. **The Attributes of God**. Baker Books, 1975.

Piper, John. **The Roots of Endurance: Perseverance in the Lives of Newton, Simeon & Wilberforce**. Crossway, 2006.

Schreiner, Thomas & Bruce Ware. **Still Sovereign: Perspectives on Election, Foreknowledge & Grace**. Baker, 2000.

Sproul, R. C. **Does Prayer Change Things?** Reformation Trust Publishing, 1998.

Tiessen, Terrance. **Providence & Prayer: How Does God Work in the World?** InterVarsity, 2000.

Water, Mark, ed. **The New Encyclopedia of Christian Martyrs**. Baker Books, 2001.