

B. The Consequence: It Shall Be Given

1. God will answer you according to His will.

“14 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.”
I John 5:14-15

2. Pray for what you desire and then submit to the will of God.

“...O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.”
Matthew 26:39b

V. THE POWER OF PRAYER (11:11-13)

- A. Prayer is linking the impotence of your human flesh to the power of your Heavenly Father.

“Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.”
Jeremiah 33:3

- B. Sin is a hindrance to the power of answered prayer.

“If I regard iniquity in my heart, The Lord will not hear”
Psalm 66:18

“And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.”
I John 3:22

“He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.”
Proverbs 28:13

CONCLUSION

David said in Psalm 55:17, *“Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.”*

Will you do the same thing?

**VERTICAL
Talking With God**

**Five Good Reasons To Talk With God
Pastor Steve Reynolds**

INTRODUCTION

- A. How’s your calling plan with God? Ever feel like your vertical voicemails go unheard or unanswered? Praying is talking *with* God. It is not a mindless ritual, it is a meaningful relationship. It is the heart of a child relating to the heart of a Father.

- B. In this series I will teach you how to talk *with* God. These messages will be based primarily on the model prayer in Matthew 6:9-13 where Jesus said,

“9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

10 Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

11 Give us this day our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.”

In this model prayer, Jesus teaches us how to talk *with* God.

- C. Come and learn through these messages how to have real and meaningful conversations with God:

TODAY	Five Good Reasons To Talk With God
August 17	The First Thing To Say To God
August 24	What To Say To God When You’ve Messed Up
August 31	Talking With God About Your Needs
September 7	Unanswered Prayer?
September 14	The Ultimate Prayer Request
September 21	Praying The Scriptures

- D. **TEXT:** Luke 11:1-13 (Pew Bible/Pg.73/New Testament)

FIVE GOOD REASONS TO TALK WITH GOD

I. THE **PRIORITY** OF PRAYER (11:1)

A. **Jesus** understood the priority of prayer (v 1a)

“Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed..” Mark 1:35

If Jesus prayed, then how much more do you need to pray?

- Set a specific **time** to pray.
- Have a specific **place** to pray.

B. The **disciples** understood the importance of prayer (v 1b)

Think of all the questions they could have asked. Why did they ask this question? They understood the priority of prayer.

- Make Jesus the **Lord** of your life.

“that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:9

- Ask Jesus to **teach** you how to pray.
Say, “Lord, teach me to pray.”

II. THE **PATTERN** OF PRAYER (11:2-4)

P – R – A – Y in the following manner:

A. **Praise** and thanksgiving. (v 2a)

“Praise Him for His mighty acts; Praise Him according to His excellent greatness!” Psalm 150:2

B. **Repent** of sin. (v 4)

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

I John 1:9

C. **Ask** God to meet your needs and the needs of others. (v 3)

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.” Matthew 7:7

D. **Yield** to the will of God. (v 2b)

“And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.” Romans 6:13

The model prayer is a prayer **list**.

III. THE **PERSISTENCE** OF PRAYER (11:5-8)

A. Pray **boldly**. (vs 5-6)

“Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” Hebrews 4:16

“...The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.” James 5:16b

B. Pray **consistently**. (vs 7-8)

“Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart,” Luke 18:1

“pray without ceasing,”

I Thessalonians 5:17

IV. THE **PROMISE** OF PRAYER (11:9-10)

A. The **Command**: Ask (vs 9, 10, 11, 12, 13)

The word “ask” is used **29** times in the Bible to describe prayer.

“...you do not have because you do not ask.” James 4:2c