

HOW TO PRAY

Luke 11:5-13

WHEN should we pray? The common answer in the NT is _____ : there should never be a time we cannot pray

Each of us should figure the time of day we are at our _____ and block out some of it to concentrate on prayer

WHERE should we pray? We can pray wherever we are for our bodies are the _____ of the Holy Spirit

Each of us also ought to have a _____ place where we can pray out loud, sing or weep without interruption

I. THE STORY OF THE UNPREPARED HOST: _____ 11:5-10

A. The Details of the Story

1) In ancient Eastern culture if a _____ did not perform certain duties for his guests he lost face

2) There were no _____; if a traveler were delayed, he might show up at a friend's house at midnight

3) This host had no bread to set before his guest and there were no _____ where he could buy it

4) The host knows that his neighbor's wife baked _____ that morning and so he knocks at his door

5) The neighbor makes lame (comical) _____ but he might as well give the host what he asks

B. The Point of the Story

1) Jesus begins with the question: "Which of you would do this?" which expects the answer _____

2) Yet Jesus makes the point in v. 8 that if you do have the _____ to knock & ask you will receive!

3) The point of the story is not _____ in prayer, but rather having the boldness to ask in prayer

4) If we have the audacity to ask, it will be given, but we have not, because we _____ not (Jas. 4:2)

A QUESTION: If God is executing His unchanging, eternal plan, then what good does it do to _____ ?

1) Some passages emphasize that God is sovereignly executing His plan and _____ cannot derail it

2) Other passages promise that God _____ prayer and that He responds when we ask, seek, knock

3) God uses men to execute His plan: our _____ are part of the means of God completing His plan

II. THE STORY OF THE ASKING SON: _____ 11:11-13

This second story contrasts the first: God is much more like a _____ than a grumbling, grudging neighbor

A. Confidence that God Will Supply Our _____

1) The story is about a son who expresses his need for food and the natural response of every _____

2) Jesus uses an argument from lesser to the greater: a human father is lesser than God in 2 ways:

a) He is human and therefore _____ in his capacity to meet needs, but God has no such limitation

b) He is _____ : even at his best he is tainted by sin and will therefore fail, but God will never fail

B. Confidence that God Will Not _____ Us

Perhaps Jesus was contrasting the goodness of the true God to the gods of the _____ & Romans

C. Confidence that God Will Sometimes Give Us _____ than We Ask

1) In Luke, Jesus speaks of the Father giving not just good things, but the _____

2) Before Jesus' death & resurrection, the Holy Spirit had not yet been _____ out on God's people

3) If God's people would pray, Your kingdom come, they would get _____ than they expected—the Spirit

4) When we pray with audacity, God may give us more than we ask in terms of _____ blessing