

Luke 11:1-4

- I. "Father" - and our adoption as sons
 - A. When you pray, pray like this (Luke 11:2-4)
 - B. Jesus is God's son
 - C. Union with the Son by the power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:15, 23; 1 Peter 1:17)

- II. Prayer is action (James 4:2c)

- III. God answers prayer
 - A. Do you believe this? (Mark 11:23-25)
 - B. Hindrances to prayer being answered
 - i. Unrepentance of sin (Psalm 66:18-19)
 - ii. Refusal to forgive (Matthew 6:12, 14-15; Mark 11:25)
 - iii. Harshness or bitterness toward your wife (1 Peter 3:7; see also Colossians 3:19)
 - iv. Unbelief and wrong motives (James 4:3-4)
 - C. Ask for what you need, and he will give it to you
 - D. Elijah was just a guy (James 5:17-18; see also 1 Kings 17:1; 18:41-46)
 - E. God answers the tremendous prayers of people like us.

- IV. Prayer in our lives
 - A. Prayer is the basis of love and the expression of love
 - B. Prayer is the universal expression of faith (Genesis 4:26)
 - C. Prayer is indispensable

- V. How to pray
 - A. Practical circumstances
 - i. Pray through a list
 - ii. Pray each day
 - iii. Pray aloud
 - iv. Pray with others
 - v. Pray by yourself
 - B. The Lord's Prayer: our content model
 - C. Pray for the sick
 - D. Pray for the church (see Romans 1:9-12; 10:1; 15:30-32; 2 Corinthians 13:7; Ephesians 1:16-21; 3:1-19; Philippians 1:9; John 17)
 - E. Pray for the city (Jonah 4:11; Jeremiah 29:7)
 - F. Pray *with* the church: your leaders are moving to make this our priority (John 15:5)

- VI. The cost of answered prayers
 - A. Jesus promises that God will hear and grant what we ask in his name. (John 15:16)
 - B. The reason: on the cross, the Father turned his face away from the Son. (Mark 15:34)