

What's Next? Part 2  
Know God - Teach us to pray  
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- What's Next
- G- Grow R- Reach- A- Act C- Connect E- Exalt
- Each and every one of us is on a journey

Know God  
Find Freedom  
Discover Purpose  
Make a Difference

- Our journey is to know the real God and we meet him in the person of Jesus Christ

*Psalm 23:2 (NIV) He makes me lie down in green pastures,*

- We're going to look at a model of prayer

A) We are **WIRED** to pray.

*Ecc. 3:11 (NIV) He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.*

B) We're not very **GOOD** at prayer and we know it.

*Romans 8:26 "We don't even know what we should pray for, nor how we should pray."*

*Luke 11:1 "One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray.'"*

C) Our frustrations with prayer are caused by our **MISCONCEPTIONS** about prayer.

- It's just a conversation

**Practical Prayers Tips:**

1st) Make a **COMMITMENT** to pray.

- Don't make this a duty
- Don't make prayer an event or an obligation
- Don't make prayer something you have to check off your to-do list
- Make prayer a daily practice
- Allow prayer to be an ongoing conversation

*1 Thess. 5:17 (NIV) pray continually,*

2nd) Find a **PLACE** to pray.

*Psalm 91:1 (NIV) Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.*

- Make this a priority in your life
- This is the #1 way for Knowing God more

*Mark 1:35 (NIV) Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.*

3rd) Make a **TIME** to pray.

- Planning to pray

*Matt. 6:9 (NASB) "Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. 'Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. 'Give us this day our daily bread. 'And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 'And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. [For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.']"*

### **What The Lord's Prayer Reveals:**

#### A) **RELATIONSHIP.**

*Matt. 6:9 (NASB) "Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven,*

- We connect with God relationally
- He was giving us prayer principles
- Phillip Yancey - "Jesus taught a model prayer – the Lord's Prayer but otherwise gave few rules. His teaching reduces down to three principles: Keep it honest, keep it simple and keep it up
- He gave me grace when I failed

#### B) **RESPECT.**

*Matt. 6:9b (NASB) Hallowed be Your name.*

#### C) **AGENDA.**

*Matt. 6:10 (NASB) 'Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.*

*Luke 12:31 (NLT) He will always give you all you need from day to day if you will make the Kingdom of God your primary concern.*

- It starts with us

- You can't be wrong with people and right with God

*Luke 19:10 (NIV) For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.*

#### D) **PROVISION.**

*Matt. 6:10(NASB) 'Give us this day our daily bread.*

*Matt. 7:11 (NIV)“ If you who are evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him*

- Take time to read and think about the Word
- Claim God's many great promises for your life and the world around you
- Ask Him for fresh revelation of His Word
- Ask Him for a Word to help you as you go throughout your day

#### E) **FORGIVENESS.**

*Matt. 6:12 (NASB) 'And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.*

- We need to have a heart that is open to forgive
- Don't get used to unforgiveness

#### F) **DIRECTION.**

*Matt. 6:13 (NASB) 'And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

#### G) **FOCUS.**

*Matt. 6:13b (NASB) [For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. ]*

- God is ultimately in control

*Jer. 32:17 (NIV) Ah, Sovereign Lord, You have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you.*

- “Yours is the kingdom” — All authority belongs to You.
- “Yours is the power” — All might flows from You.
- “Yours is the glory” — Your victory will be complete.
- This is about relationship not religion