

Luke 10.38 - 11.13

One Thing Necessary

Easy to Miss One Day of Prayer - Another Day - Weeks, Months

MAKES NO DIFFERENCE – Eventually God becomes a Stranger

If Visit CHURCH like GRANDPARENT in a REST HOME –

Christian Experience more RITUAL than True RELATIONSHIP

Followers of Jesus SAW & WANTED His Relationship w Father God

Jesus WISE Teacher > NOT “you need a Guideline from Me on Prayer”

WAITS > Disciples FEEL Need for Prayer > ASK Jesus for HELP!

11.1 Jesus was praying...when he finished, one of his disciples said to him “Lord, teach us to pray....”

1. Model Prayer

a. Focus on God v. 2 Many Prayers miss the Mark > Not to TRUE God

Billion Muslims pray 5 X's Daily > Buddhists bow to Statues & Shrines

Millions Worship Ancestors & Idols > Kamehameha Statue Wednesday

JESUS TEACHES WHO WE PRAY TO –

1. Father v. 2 “Father” – No Other in Bible called God Father w Intimacy

“Father from whom every family in heaven & earth is named” Eph 3.15

Rom 8.15-17 you received the Spirit of sonship, by him we cry, "Abba, Father" The Spirit himself testifies w our spirit that we are God's children

Wrong: Child's Name/Word, Aramaic word Father, People of All Ages

Almost NEVER in Bible BEFORE Jesus & He Invites Us to Call Abba

SIMPLICITY > Not need SuperCharged, Ornate Language: Talk to Father

10.22 “All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him”

Father > Pt Family to Heavenly Father, Provider, Savior: FOLLOW You!

2. Holy v. 2 “hallowed be your name”

“Holy, holy, holy, is Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!”

NAME – Sums Up Persons Whole CHARACTER - ALL THAT GOD IS

3. King v. 2 “Your kingdom come” / MT ADDS “your will be done”

SAUDI ARABIA - law decreed in 1952 - King Abdul Aziz

EVERY SUBJECT HAS THE RIGHT OF ACCESS TO HIS RULER

"Anyone, anyone can come here. That gives them confidence in their government... they know they may look to us for help"

Every Christian can Approach a Greater Monarch: King of Kings

Rom 14.17 kingdom of God is... righteousness, peace & joy in Holy Spirit

Young Children: Family Prayer - MONDAY MORNING, HOLIDAY

"Lord help us serve you today"/SON: "serve God today, it's a holiday?"

God's interests come first – too self-absorbed to focus on HIM

Husband & Wife Meal, Both on Phones > Other Things MORE Important

b. Our Needs Met > Focus on God NOT Squash our Needs

1) Pray for God's Provision > We are DEPENDENT

v. 3 Give us each day our daily bread.

CONTINUOUS ACTION God will "KEEP GIVING" our Daily Bread

Psa 103.14 he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust

Matthew 6:31 So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 'For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

LITTLE BOY AT FRIENDS HOUSE FOR DINNER

Served - Waits – Eat BOY "Don't you pray?" FAMILY No, Time!

OH I SEE, YOU EAT JUST LIKE MY DOG DOES.

2) Pray for God's PARDON > We are GUILTY

4 Forgive us our sins, 4 we ourselves forgive everyone who indebted 2 us

NOT Lord's Prayer > Prayer Lord Taught Disciples > Jesus NOT Sinner

Prayer can become a CURSE - ASKING NOT TO BE FORGIVEN

An Unforgiving Heart is NOT in Condition that can Accept Forgiveness

Luke 5.32 I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance

Forgiveness with GOD BASED ON GRACE ALONE - NOT EARNED

3) Pray for God's PROTECTION > We are FRAGILE

v 4 And lead us not into temptation/ Jesus wants us be Realistic – WEAK!

MT ADDS “deliver us from the Evil One” > We may FAIL & FALL

Recognize our Weakness – Victim of WORLD, FLESH, DEVIL

Simple ACRONYM for PRAYER - Adore Confess Thank Surrender

2. Motive for Persistence

Palestine - 1 Room House - Whole Family Sleep on Raised Platform

- Animals Underneath? - WAKE ONE WAKE ALL

Culture > Hospitality Duty > esp Friends/Family in Great Need

MIDNIGHT - travel during the night - HOSPITALITY - FEED THEM

a. Keep on Asking v. 8 “because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs”

250 uses word NEGATIVE No Shame or Hesitancy Holds us Back

MORE than Persistence: Shameless Audacity > Stop Bothering Me!

b. Keep on Seeking RISING SCALE OF INTENSITY

vs. 9 I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

Ask – Humility, Conscious of NEED, AWARE OF A PERSONAL GOD

Rom 12.12 Be faithful in prayer / Coloss 4.2 Devote yourselves to prayer

Seeking – Asking PLUS ACTING – Doing Something about REQUEST

Jer 29.13 You will seek me & find me when you seek me w all your heart

Eph 6.18 pray in Spirit on all occasions w all kinds of prayers & requests

YEARS AGO FAMILY WENT TO AFRICA “White Man’s Graveyard”

Left home church – promised to pray faithfully

“My wife and I have a strange dread in going. We feel like we are going down into a pit. We will take the risk, if you hold the ropes.”

ALL Church Members PROMISED TO PRAY

2 yrs LATER Wife & Children Dead from Fever /

HUSBAND TERMINALLY ILL - GOES HOME UNANNOUNCED

QUIETLY ENTERS CHURCH Worship Service - UNNOTICED

End of meeting, walks to front, Gasp of people, Look of Death

"I am your missionary. My wife and child are buried in Africa. I have come home to die. I listened for one prayer for us. I am a failure as a missionary, and you failed to hold on to the ropes"

c. Keep on Knocking v. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

WOMAN LEFT EXPENSIVE DIAMOND RING IN HOTEL ROOM

calls there - manager searches room - finds it - puts in safe

Picks Up Receiver - SHE HAD HUNG UP – Could Not Keep WAITING

3. One Thing Necessary

Story End of ch 10 v. 38 “now as they were on their way” > Jerusalem!

Jesus stopped Visit Good Friends > Lazarus & 2 Sisters: Martha & Mary

Surprise! Personalities of 2 Sisters > Both Loved Jesus & Honored Him

Mary smelled the Roses / Martha cut Stems & arranged Flowers in Vase

Martha LABORED in Kitchen / Mary LISTENED to Christ

BRIEF Slice of Life – A lot NOT Spoken – Not Know all

Martha HOSPITABLE / Mary TEACHABLE – Both Promoted by God

OPPOSITE of Lawyer v. 25 > Stood, Questioned / v. 39 Sat, Listened

Rabbi MAYBE Women can Listen > Not Sit at Feet & Be DISCIPLED

a. Martha DISTRACTED v. 40 “Martha w distracted w much serving”

Quick TURN – Happy Making FOOD > Storm Clouds Come & Burst

Distracted from REASON Jesus Came > NOT to Eat, but to FEED THEM

On Way to Jerusalem > May Not be Back Again > Much to LEARN!

b. Distraction > SELF-PITY v. 40 “Lord, do you not care that my sister
has left me to serve alone?”

Organized Party – Invited Just ONE Person: PITY Party JUST for Martha

c. Self-Pity > RESENTMENT: BLAME her Sister Mary, Just Sits!

v. 40 “Tell her then to help me!” > Get her Lazy Blank into the Kitchen!

Martha WANTED to Listen to Jesus Too! Mary was NOT FAIR!

Martha Stopped SERVING and Started SCOLDING: Bossing JESUS!

d. Response of Jesus – See what Jesus did NOT DO

NOT Take Sides, Say One Sister Better, Call Martha Unreasonable

Not Send Martha back to Kitchen: EAT! / Say gotta Finish my SERMON!

Jesus LOVED them Both > Loved Martha wanted Free her of Anxieties!

Be Anxious for Nothing! Martha’s heart had Underlying IDOLATRY!

“Martha’s self-appointed responsibilities distracted her from what mattered most...ministry smothers us...serving becomes drudgery”
Kent Hughes

Jesus CRUMPLED Martha’s TO-DO List v. 42 “one thing is necessary”

Not EXACTLY say WHAT that One Thing IS! > But MARY Did IT!

Jesus NOT saying Change Personality – Contemplative Not Busy Bee!

NOT saying Give UP Eating – Just LISTEN to Sermons all the TIME!

Don’t get So Busy w Good Things you Miss MOST Important Thing!

SIT at Feet of Jesus and Listen to WORD of God

Jesus is not asking for something more from us; he is asking for something less, so that he can give us more of himself.
Philip Ryken

When you make Quality Time to Grow in Word > Choosing Good Portion

Jesus NOT asking us become EITHER a MARTHA or a MARY

Martha could Not Work in Kitchen & Be w Jesus & Mary in Living Room

WE CAN: His NAME is Holy Spirit – In Us Everywhere, All the Time

We can Have a MARY HEART in a MARTHA WORLD

French Monk took the name Brother Lawrence “do everything for the love of God, and with prayer...The time of business does not with me differ from the time of prayer, and in the noise and clatter of my kitchen, while several people are calling for different things, I possess God in as great tranquility as if I were upon my knees”
Brother Lawrence

vs. 11-13 11What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; 12or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

4. You are Invited

a. Warm Welcome v. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

Everyone means YOU and the person Sitting Next to You

Not only Church Member – Elite Class – Super Class – Prayer Warrior

Mary AND Martha BOTH Welcome, Friend knocking Door at Midnight

Good Time to Remind 2 Prayer Mtgs weekly @ Kalahikiola

b. Wonderful Father vs. 11-13 What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Father’s Day can be SAD & EMBARRASSING – Remind of Bad Days!

Even a Good Dad has Not been a PERFECT Dad – Fallen Short, PAIN!

We have Father we can FULLY TRUST > No Scorpions > Holy Spirit!

Forever Presence & Power of God > Never Fail Us or Forsake Us!

Not like man Behind Locked Doors – Not Want to be Disturbed!

Spirit upon Jesus > Christ / Messiah > He will Baptize all in Holy Spirit

Luke Volume 2 – EVENT – Risen Jesus gives Holy Spirit to Believers

Last Sunday – 50 days after Easter / Gk ‘pente’ 50 PENTECOST

James 1:17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights

HOLY SPIRIT - PRESENCE AND POWER OF GOD WITH US

CHANGES US THEN OUR SITUATION BEGINS TO CHANGE

What is Jesus trying to Teach us about God?

a. Never Sleeping Jesus always lives to intercede for them Heb 7.25

Psalm 121.3-8 he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed,
he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

b. Never Surprised

Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear. Isaiah 65.24

John 10.27 Jesus: "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them

c. Never Bothered

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you 1 Pet 5.7

Romans 8:31 If God is for us, who can be against us?

Woman > G. C. Morgan "can we pray to God about little things in life?"

Madame can you Think of Anything in your Life that is BIG to GOD?

d. Never Lacking my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus Philippians 4:19

Psa 50.10 every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a 1000 hills.

Martin Luther 1540 / Colleague in Reformation - Frederick Myconius deathly ill Wrote farewell
note to Luther from DEATHBED

Luther's Reply "I command you in the name of God to live because I still need you in the work of reforming the church...the Lord will never let me hear that you are dead, but you will survive me. For I am praying this, this is my will, and may my will be done, because I seek to glorify the name of God."

>> He Lived! Died 6 yrs LATER - 2 MONTHS AFTER LUTHER

Psalm 11- The Lord Is in His Holy Temple To the choirmaster. Of David.

In the Lord I take refuge; **how can you say to my soul, "Flee like a bird to your mountain,**

for behold, the wicked bend the bow; they have fitted their arrow to the string to shoot in the dark at the upright in heart;**if the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?"**

The Lord is in his holy temple; **the Lord's throne is in heaven;**

his eyes see, his eyelids test the children of man. **The Lord tests the righteous,**

but his soul hates the wicked and the one who loves violence. **Let him rain coals on the wicked;**

fire and sulfur and a scorching wind shall be the portion of their cup.**For the Lord is righteous; he loves righteous deeds; the upright shall behold his face. Amen and Amen.**