

JESUS TEACHES HIS DISCIPLES DEEP TRUTHS ABOUT PRAYER

(Luke 11:1-13)

A. JESUS TEACHES HIS DISCIPLES' A 'PATTERN' FOR PRAYER (Luke 11:1-4)

1. Jesus had explained to His disciples' their relationship to their _____ (10:25-37) and to Himself (10:38-42); He now instructed them on their relationship with their heavenly _____ and talking with Him in _____.

2. The very fact that the perfect Son of God took the time to pray _____, is the strongest argument for the _____ of prayer in the believer's life, and Jesus' disciples recognized this. (v. 1)

3. Jesus' pattern for prayer for a disciple living prior to the cross is seen in five petitions...
 - a. to _____ the name of the Lord as being _____ (v. 2a)

 - b. to continue to pray for the setting up of the earthly _____ (v. 2b)

 - c. to ask the Lord to provide for one's daily, _____ (v. 3)

 - d. to _____ daily sins in order to maintain fellowship, while _____ withholding forgiveness from others (v. 4a)

 - e. to have God's _____ when faced with _____ and the advances of the enemy (v. 4b)

B. JESUS ENCOURAGES PRAYER WITH A PARABLE (Luke 11:5-13)

1. Jesus used a parable to give His disciples incentive to pray; He _____ the character of God with the character of a reluctant neighbor in His story.

2. In the Ancient Near East if a person refused to entertain a guest, he would bring _____ on the entire _____, and they would then want nothing to do with him.
 - a. The host in this parable did not have enough bread for his traveling friend, so he _____ and _____ appealed to his neighbor. (vv. 5-6)
 - b. The man in the house knew the customs, and rather than _____ himself, his family, and his neighbors he _____ got up and met the friend's need. (vv. 7-8)

3. In making application from His parable (vv. 9-10), Jesus used three (*pres/act/imper*) verbs which were to encourage his disciples that...
 - a. Even if they did not receive immediate answers to their prayers they were to be _____ in prayer.
 - b. God is _____ at all like the reluctant neighbor, but instead He _____ responds to His children.
 - c. Boldness in prayer overcomes the praying person's _____, not God's perceived insensitivity.

4. Even an earthly father wouldn't intentionally answer his child's request with cruelty, likewise, God who is _____ in character _____ respond any other way than with grace and compassion. (vv. 11-13)

5. The very fact that our heavenly Father only gives us good gifts explains why He does not give us _____ that we ask for, because it might be spiritually _____ to us.

* How can you personally apply these truths regarding prayer?