

What Really Matters #3

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“Communicating With God Is A Necessity”

Luke 11:1 (NIV) *One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”*

E.M. Bounds – “Prayer is the contact of a living soul with God. In prayer, God stoops to kiss man, to bless man, and to aid in everything that God can devise or man can need.”

John Henry Newman – “Prayer is to the spiritual life what the beating of the pulse and the drawing of the breath are to the life of the body.”

George Buttrick – “Prayer is friendship with God. Friendship is not merely a generalized mood; every event is its occasion.”

Clement of Alexandria – “Prayer is keeping company with God.”

How Jesus teaches me to pray:

1. I must be _____

Luke 11:5-8 (NIV) *⁵ Then he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and he goes to him at midnight and says, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, ⁶ because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have nothing to set before him.’ ⁷ “Then the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children are with me in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’ ⁸ I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man’s boldness he will get up and give him as much as he needs.”*

• Jesus is my _____

• I need to be _____

2. I must make prayer _____

1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NIV) *Pray continually.*

John 5:19 (NIV) *I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.*

The model for communication with God – Matthew 6:9-13 (NIV)

⁹ “This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, ¹⁰ your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us today our daily bread. ¹² Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.”

• I give God my _____ Vs. 9

I receive His _____

• I give God my _____ Vs. 10

I receive His _____

• I give God my _____ Vs. 11

I receive His _____

• I give God my _____ Vs. 12

I receive His _____

• I give God my _____ Vs. 12

I receive His _____

• I give God my _____ Vs. 13

I receive His _____

John Dalrymple – “The truth is that we only learn to pray all the time everywhere after we have resolutely set about praying some of the time somewhere.”

October memory verse: Romans 15:5 (NIV) *May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus.*