

PARABLES – “Powerful Praying”

INTRODUCTION: Luke 11:1-4 – “teach us *TO* pray”.

- No one prayed like Jesus! Matthew 6:5

11:2 – “*WHEN* you pray ...” Just PRAY!

11:5-10 – A parable of CONTRAST.

11:5-6 – It was shameful not to provide bread for a guest.

LESSON #1 – Pray Because You Have A Friend – 11:5

- Prayer involves our RELATIONSHIP with our Heavenly Father
– Proverbs 17:7, Proverbs 18:24

LESSON #2 – Pray Because You Have A Need – 11:6

- Pray because you see your insufficiency, and God’s sufficiency.

LESSON #3 – Pray Because Heaven Is Open 24/7 – 11:5

- 11:7 – God never sleeps! Psalm 121:1-4

- God is more eager to HEAR, than you are to ASK – James 4:2

- Prayer is co-operating with the willingness of God.

- 11:8 – “*persistence*” – You don’t have to pester God! Heb. 4:16

LESSON #4 – Pray Because You Can Be Specific – 11:5

- God already knows what you need – Matthew 6:8

- 11:8-10 – Keep on ASKing, SEEKing, KNOCKing..

3 STEPS IN OUR PRAYING:

1 ASK – SITUATION – 11:6 ... “and it will be given to you”.

- He asked his friend at “*midnight*” – 11:5

1 SEEK – SOURCE – 11:5 ... “and you will find”.

- When praying in God’s will, you can be “*persistent*” – 11:8

2 KNOCK – SPECIFIC – 11:5 ... “it will be opened to you”.

- When in His will, you can be SPECIFIC – 1 John 5:14-15

LESSON #5 – Pray Because Your Heavenly Father Wants

What’s Best For You – 11:11-13

- He wants to give you MORE than you ask for – Ephesians 3:20

- 11:13 – “*give the Holy Spirit*” – Romans 8:26-27 – NLT

CONCLUSION: Prayer may not change your CIRCUMSTANCES, but
prayer will change YOU! James 4:8