



Sermon Notes: Teach Us to Pray

1. The Priority of Christian Prayer.

2. The Privilege of Christian Prayer.

3. The Pattern of Christian Prayer.

a. Adoration.

b. Acceptance.

c. Asking.

1) For provision.

2) For pardon.

3) For protection.

4. The Persistence of Christian Prayer.

5. The Promise of Christian Prayer.

6. The Presence of Christian Prayer.



Application Questions: Teach Us to Pray

1. Review: What did you do with your busyness and stress this week that was different than other weeks? What did you do to seek serenity and satisfaction in God's presence and Word?
2. Which part of the Adoration-Acceptance-Asking pattern comes most naturally to you? Which part is most difficult/unnatural to you? How do you see this playing out in your actual prayers?
3. Of provision, pardon, and protection, which is the easiest and most instinctive for you to ask for? Which is the most difficult/unnatural to request? How do you see this playing out in your actual prayers?
4. When a request goes unanswered, how long do you tend to pray for that specific thing until you give up? How frequently do you tend to pray? How fervently do you tend to pray [10 being high and 0 being not at all]?
5. What do your answers to #2, #3, #4 reveal to you? What are a few key words you'd choose to summarize your existing prayer life?
6. Think of a specific request you prayed for a long time without ever seeing a "yes" answer from God. In hindsight, what are some possible reasons God was telling you "no" or "wait"? What are some things God was changing in *you*, even if He wasn't changing your circumstances the way you wanted?
7. Timothy Keller says, "*God will either give us what we ask or give us what we would have asked if we knew everything he knows.*" Do you agree or disagree? Why? How do you think this perspective would change your prayer life if you believed this?
8. Make a quick list of specific things you're praying for. Now think about Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit. How might God's answer to your prayers be far *greater* than what you even realized you were asking for?
9. You get to call the God of the universe "Father." Discuss how/why that is. How does that privilege shape both what you pray for and how you pray?
10. What one focused change will you make to your prayer life immediately?