

Message Notes

How do you pray?

Introduction - *You're doing it wrong!*

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The risky nature of prayer!

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2. He promises to answer (James 1:5-8)
3. We need to continually battle unbelief and pray expectantly (Mark 9:21-24)
4. He doesn't promise to answer necessarily the way we desire (Matthew 26:36-39)

The MEANS & END of Prayer - Luke 11:2, 13

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Gospel Application - *How do you pray?*

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

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see screen or outline for other passages used this morning



SCREENSHOT

You're doing it wrong.



**YOU'RE DOING IT
WRONG**



BOATING
you are doing it wrong

Luke 9:51

When the days drew near for him to be taken up,
he set his face to go to Jerusalem.

The Gospel of
LUKE

Setting His Face to Jerusalem
Luke 9:51 to Luke 19:44

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What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us...

The Knowledge
of the Holy

A. W. TOZER

~ A. W. Tozer, *The Knowledge of the Holy*, chapter 1.



WHAT do we pray?

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In the OT the phrase expresses an *eschatological hope* for a period when God's salvation would be realized, when *his dominion over the minds and lives of human beings would be accomplished*, and they would be withdrawn from subjection to danger, evil, and sin. The phrase implies also a divine guidance of human history (Judg 21:25), thwarted no longer by hostile opposition.

~ Joseph A. Fitzmyer, *The Gospel according to Luke I-IX: Introduction, Translation, and Notes*, vol. 28, Anchor Yale Bible (New Haven; London: Yale University Press, 2008), 155. (bold and italics mine)



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3. *Give us each day our Daily Bread*

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Sin is anything I do, say, or believe that
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God's Name to be Hallowed

or

God's Kingdom to Come

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The Pattern of Prayer taught by Jesus:

1. Address God – Awesome AND Father!
2. Concern for God's Mission
3. Ask for Physical Needs with humility
4. Restore your relationship with God through forgiveness and other Spiritual Needs
5. Lay down your burdens, worries, cares and intense Psychological Needs

Today's Message:

"Lord, Teach us to Pray (Part 3):

How do you pray?"

Luke 11:1-13



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GOD
DOESN'T CARE...

SUCCESS

FAILURE



Mark Russell

Shannon Wheeler

God-O-Matic

Please insert

Out of Order!!!

Select



- A
- B
- C
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4

Change



A2	A3	A4	
<p>Healing</p> <p>Out</p>		<p>Miracles</p> <p>Out</p>	
B1	B2	B3	B4
C1	C2	C3	C4

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4. **God is not really GOOD**

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5. God is punishing me

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Philippians 4:6-7

⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

[I]n God's eyes, prayer is not really a matter of his creatures' narcissistic begging for selfish desires. The mere act of asking God for anything expresses faith and gratitude that pleases him in and of itself. When we pray, we are acting on a faith that declares that (1) God exists and is listening, (2) he is good, and (3) he can be trusted to answer generously and wisely now as he has in the past. Praying is thanking, then, regardless of the petitions being expressed.



~ R. T. France, Luke, ed. Mark L. Strauss and John H. Walton, Teach the Text Commentary Series (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 2013), 199.

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The Risky Nature of Prayer

James 1:5-8

⁵If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. ⁶But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. ⁷That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. ⁸Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

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Mark 9:21-24

²¹Jesus asked the boy's father,
"How long has he been like this?"

"From childhood," he answered. ²²"It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us."

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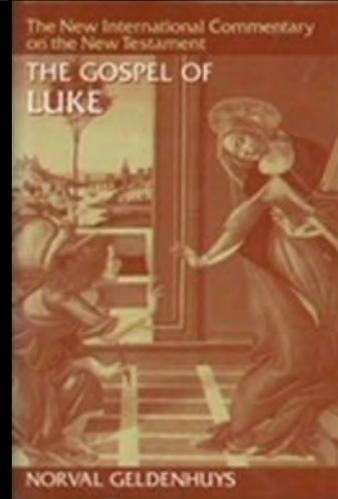
²³“ ‘If you can’?” said Jesus.

“Everything is possible for him who believes.”

²⁴Immediately the boy’s father exclaimed,
“I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!”

No regenerate child of God should ever doubt that when he prays to God out of real need his prayer will be answered. He who doubts this does Him the greatest dishonour, for by not believing that He will give what we really need we in fact appear to regard Him as less sympathetic and less faithful than an ordinary earthly father or even an ordinary earthly friend.

~ Norval Geldenhuys, *Commentary on the Gospel of Luke: The English Text with Introduction, Exposition and Notes*, The New International Commentary on the Old and New Testament (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1952), 179.



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Matthew 26:36-39

³⁶Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” ³⁷He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.”

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Matthew 26:36-39

³⁹Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”

The MEANS & END of our Prayer

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Gospel Application

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray continually, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Application

Will you take the risk of prayer?