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Luke 11:1-10

Luke 11:1, *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.” 2 He said to them, “When you pray, say: “Father, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come. 3 Give us each day our daily bread. 4 Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.”... 9 “So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.*

If You Want To Pray Like Jesus:

1) Let God’s Spirit Control Your THOUGHTS AND ACTIONS

Luke 3:21, *When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as He was praying, Heaven was opened 22 and the Holy Spirit descended on Him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from Heaven: “You are My Son, Whom I love; with You I am well pleased.”*

Ephesians 5:15, *Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. 18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, 20 always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

2) Trust God’s Plan And Will For YOUR LIFE

Luke 22:42, *“Father, if You are willing, take this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done.”*

Luke 23:46, *Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit.” When He had said this, He breathed His last.*

3) Pray With Concentration And FOCUS

Luke 5:16, *But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.*

Luke 6:12, *One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God.*

Luke 9:18, *Once when Jesus was praying in private and His disciples were with Him...*

4) Have A Desire For TRANSFORMATION

Luke 9:28, *About eight days after Jesus said this, He took Peter, John and James with Him and went up onto a mountain to pray. 29 As He was praying, the appearance of His face changed, and His clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning.*

5) Have An Attitude Of Forgiveness And RESTORATION

Luke 23:34, *Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up His clothes by casting lots.*

Luke 22:31, *“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. 32 But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”*

6) Have A Mindset Of Gratefulness And THANKSGIVING

Luke 24:30, *When He was at the table with them, He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them.*

7) Live A Lifestyle Of BLESSING

Luke 24:50, *When He had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, He lifted up His hands and blessed them. 51 While He was blessing them, He left them and was taken up into Heaven. 52 Then they worshiped*

Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. 53 And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

How Can You Pray For Cottonwood Creek?

-Pray for the successful completion of the Chapel and that the last 10% of the funds for the Chapel will come in so we can move into the Chapel completely paid for.

-Pray with gratitude and thanksgiving for all that God has already done at Cottonwood Creek.

-Pray that God would continue to use the people, buildings, and ministries of Cottonwood Creek to expand His Kingdom.