

Being Like Jesus - In Prayer

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As disciples of Jesus we should strive to be like Him in all that we think, do, and teach (**Matt. 10:24-25; 1 Cor. 11:1; Eph. 5:1-2; 1 Jn. 2:6**). Jesus left a perfect example for us to follow and the appeal is made by Jesus and His apostles and prophets who penned the New Testament to imitate Jesus. Today, I want us to look at the example and teaching of Jesus concerning prayer.

Discussion:

I. JESUS' EXAMPLE IN PRAYER

- A. Prayer was a major part of Jesus' life while upon the earth.
 - 1. What was Jesus doing before one of His disciples asked Him to teach them to pray? (**Luke 11:1**)
 - 2. What does the Hebrews writer say about Jesus and prayer when He was in the flesh in **Hebrews 5:5-10**?
- B. We see Jesus on multiple occasions seeking out a quiet place to pray alone. Where did Jesus go to pray on the following occasions?
 - 1. **Mark 1:35** -
 - 2. **Matthew 14:23; Mk. 6:46** -
 - 3. **Luke 5:15-16** -
 - 4. **Luke 9:18-20** -
- C. At key points in His ministry, we see Jesus praying earnestly or instructing others to pray. What was going on in the life of Christ in the following and what do we learn about prayer from each?
 - 1. **Luke 3:21-22** -
 - 2. **Luke 6:12-19** -
 - 3. **Luke 10:2** -
 - 4. **John 11:41-46** -

5. **John 17:1-26** -

6. **Matthew 26:36-44; Mk. 14:32-39; Lk. 22:41-44** -

D. What can we take away from Jesus' example in prayer that will help us in our prayer lives?

II. **JESUS' TEACHING ABOUT PRAYER**

A. In the Sermon on the Mount:

1. For whom does Jesus teach us to pray in **Matthew 5:43-47**?

2. What does Jesus warn about in our prayers in **Matthew 6:1, 5-8**?

3. What do we learn about prayer from Jesus' model prayer in **Matthew 6:9-15**?

4. What do we learn about confidence in prayer from Jesus teaching in **Matthew 7:7-11**?

B. What does Jesus tell His disciples about the effectiveness of prayer -

1. **Matthew 21:21-22** -

2. **Mark 11:22-26** -

3. **John 15:1-11** -

C. What did Jesus teach about prayer in the following -

1. **Luke 11:1-13** -

2. **Luke 18:1-8** -