

PRAYER

PART 2 – PRIORITIES

Introduction:

1. “Lord, teach us to pray” (Luke 11:1).
2. Prayer was a priority in the life of Jesus.
3. We must learn to make prayer a priority in our lives.

I. The Teaching of Jesus

- A. Ask, seek and knock (Matthew 7:7-11).
 1. The use of each word is intensive.
 2. One must continue to ask, seek and knock.
 3. God responds as a Father to His children.
- B. Pray without fainting (Luke 18:1-8).
 1. We are to pray always without fainting.
 2. We are to pray always with faith.
 3. Psalm 55:16-17; 86:3; Ephesians 6:18; Philippians 4:6; 1 Thessalonians 5:17
- C. Continue instant in prayer (Romans 12:12).
 1. We are to give constant attention to prayer.
 2. We are to be devoted to and constantly diligent toward prayer.
 3. Acts 2:42; Matthew 15:22-28
- D. What is our excuse for not praying? *Time, discouragement, doubt, lack of faith, apathy, carelessness, pride...*

II. The Example of Jesus

- A. At His baptism (Luke 3:21-22)
- B. Before sunrise (Mark 1:35)
- C. During the day (Luke 5:15-16)
- D. At the close of day (Matthew 14:22-23)
- E. All night (Luke 6:12-13)
- F. With His disciples (Luke 9:18)
- G. At His transfiguration (Luke 9:28-29)
- H. At times of success (Luke 10:17-21)
- I. At times of sorrow (John 11:41-42)
- J. At times of suffering (John 12:27-28)
- K. For His disciples (Luke 22:31-32)
- L. Before His betrayal (John 17)
 1. Vs. 1-8 - *Obedience to the Father*
 2. Vs. 9-19 - *For His Apostles*
 3. Vs. 20-26 - *For all believers*
- M. In Gethsemane (Luke 22:39-42)
- N. On the cross (Luke 23:34, 46)