

## Teach Us To Pray Part 4: Answered Prayer

*(Luke 11:1 NIV) 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."*

### Pray First

*(Luke 18:1 NLT) One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up.*

#### ✓ Pray first according to God's plan.

*(Luke 11:2-4 NIV) He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation."*

#### ✓ Pray first to get God's attention.

*(Acts 10:1-4 NASB) Now there was a man at Caesarea named Cornelius... About the ninth hour of the day he clearly saw in a vision an angel of God who had just come in and said to him, "Cornelius!"... Your prayers and alms have ascended as a memorial before God.*

#### ✓ Pray first to align our hearts with God's will.

*(Matthew 6:10 NIV) Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*

### Answered Prayers

*(2 Chronicles 7:14-15 NLT) Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land. My eyes will be open and my ears attentive to every prayer made in this place.*

*(John 10:27 NLT) My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.*

### 1. The answer meets Biblical standards.

*(2 Timothy 3:16-17 NASB) All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.*

### 2. The answer is Spirit-led.

*(John 16:12-13 NIV) "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come."*

#### ✓ **Passion**

*(Galatians 5:17 NLT) The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires.*

#### ✓ **Wisdom**

*(Colossians 1:9 NIV) For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives.*

#### ✓ **Perception**

*(1 Corinthians 2:9-10 NLT) "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him." But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets.*

### 3. The answer is encouraged by Godly relationships.

*(Romans 15:1-2, 5 NLT) We who are strong must be considerate of those who are sensitive about things like this. We must not just please ourselves. We should help others do what is right and build them up in the Lord... May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus.*

**Prayer should be our first response, not our last resort.**