

"Nothing is more important than learning to pray. Nothing is more life-altering than prayer. Nothing is more difficult or challenging than prayer because of the humble honesty and heart longing and desperation to connect with God is against our natural sense of independence and pride." Tim Keller

1. Luke 11:1 "Lord, teach us to pray." Why do you think that the disciples asked Jesus this?

How did you learn to pray?

If you were talking to someone who doesn't know Jesus, how would you describe prayer to them?

The goal of prayer is:

2. Read Luke 11:1-4. Jesus didn't say "pray these words," but "pray this way." As we study what is known as the "Lord's Prayer", we see specific topics that God wants us to talk to Him about.

1. Praise—vs. 9
2. Priorities—vs. 10
3. Provision—vs. 11
4. Problems—vs. 12
5. Protection—vs. 13

<u>PRAISE—PRIORITIES-- PROVISION--PROBLEMS -- PROTECTION</u>

3. A picture of prayer-- Psalm 25:14—The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant. ESV (KJV and NAS –"the secret of the Lord")

"The secret of the Lord - It properly means a couch or cushion; and then, a divan or circle of friends sitting together; then, deliberation or consultation; then, familiar contact, intimacy; and then, a "secret," - as if it were the result of a private consultation among friends. The sense is, that those who fear the Lord are admitted to the intimacy of friendship with Him; are permitted to come into His presence, and to partake of His counsels; are allowed free access to Him; or, as it is more commonly expressed, have "fellowship" with Him. Compare 1Jn1:3." Barnes, E-Sword

"He who does not know the meaning of this verse will never learn it from a commentary. Even believers cannot explain it in words; it must be felt to be known" Spurgeon

"Prayer is continuing a conversation that God has started through his Word and his grace, which eventually becomes a full encounter with him." Tim Keller

"All of our theology must eventually become biography." Tim Hansel