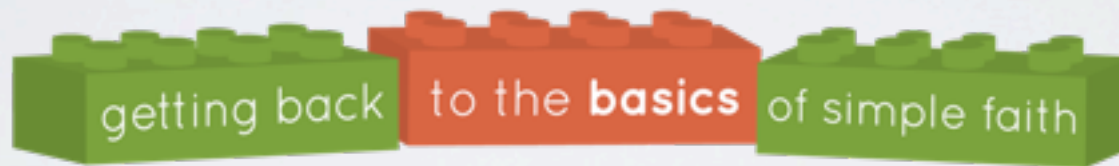


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P A R T 3

Practicing The Presence of God



Prayer

Our most urgent duty

Our highest privilege

Our greatest weapon

Our master-key to access God

GUILT

along with

Poor Modeling
Misguided Teaching
Satanic Distractions



the real culprits to prayer**less**ness.

Luke 11:1-13

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.”

He said to them, “When you pray, say:

Luke 11:1-13

‘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.’”

Luke 11:1-13

Then Jesus said to them,
“Suppose you have a friend,
and you go to him at midnight
and say, ‘Friend, lend me three
loaves of bread, because a
friend of mine on a journey has
come to me, and I have no
food to offer him.’

Luke 11:1-13

“And suppose the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship,

Luke 11:1-13

“Yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

“So I say to you: Ask and it’ll be given to you; seek and you’ll find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

Luke 11:1-13

“For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

“Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?

Luke 11:1-13

“If you then, though you’re evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”



First

I must see prayer
as **relational**, not
impersonal.



Second

I must see prayer
as **simple**, not
complex.



Third

I must see prayer
as a **collective
experience**, not just
an individual
expression.



JESUS SAID,
“my house shall be called a
house of prayer!”

2 Chronicles 7:14

“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

Galatians 6:2

“Carry each other’s burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ.”



“But the church was earnestly praying.”

ACTS 12:5



Fourth

I must see prayer
as **fruitful**, not just
dutiful.

A dramatic sunset or sunrise over a vast, hazy landscape. The sun is a bright, glowing orb on the left side of the frame, casting long, golden rays across the sky and illuminating a sea of fluffy, white clouds in the foreground. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a warm orange and yellow near the horizon. The overall mood is serene and majestic.

God hears &
answers prayer