



# Prayer In Life Of Jesus

# I. We Fail To Pray As [ . . . . ] As We Should

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# Fail to pray as unselfishly as we should

He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as *You will*" – Mt.26:39

NOT for health benefits

NOT for long life

NOT for more enjoyment

# Fail to pray as passionately as we should

- Memorized prayer
- Speed-talking ritual

1. Lk.17:....15-19

- Moved by need, not speed

2. Lk.18:13

- He is sick, not quick

# Fail to pray as often as we should

Ro.12:12, *be constant in prayer.*

Constant – persist in something, busy oneself with, be devoted to

These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers – Ac.1:14, NASB.

But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word – Ac.6:4, NASB.

# Fail to pray as joyfully as we should

Ph.1:3-4

<sup>3</sup> I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup> always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy.

Giving thanks is a joyful blessing...Ps.100

# Fail to pray as thankfully as we should

Ph.4:6

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, **with thanksgiving**, let your requests be made known to God.

Col.4:2

Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it **with thanksgiving**.

Do not pray without 'thanking'

# Fail to pray as faithfully as we should

Full of faith; believe He can / will answer in best way. James 1

**6** But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. **7** For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; **8** he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.



# Fail to pray as humbly as we should

But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: *“God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble”* – James 4:6

Some pray proudly

# Fail to pray as patiently as we should

“I want it NOW!”

Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end *intended by* the Lord — that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful — James 5:11

- ‘Schedule already full’
- ‘Satisfied’
- ‘Self-sufficient’

# Fail to pray as accurately as we should

1 Jn.5:14

Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us

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## II. Prayer In The Life of Christ

# His baptism

☐ Mt.3:16

☐ Mk.1:10

☐ Lk.3:21-22

- Must have come up from water praying.
- His ministry began with prayer.
  - If He needed prayer...

# Before day, by Himself

- ❑ Mk.1:...35
- ❑ Best part of waking up...
  - ❑ Eph.6:12...18

ARMOR (panoply) of God

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praying

being watchful

Mt.26:41; Hb.4:15 (Mt.4)

# All night in prayer

- ❑ Lk.6:12
- ❑ Life so short, work so important, selection so crucial.
- ❑ Did not need highly educated, political, or wealthy men.
  - ❑ Humble, teachable, dependable...
  - ❑ One to betray Him (Jn.6:70)

# All night in prayer

☐ Lk.6:12

☐ Do we pray before major decisions?

☐ He prayed for apostles (cf. Jn.17).  
Do we pray for others?

1. Youth: Mt.6:33; Gn.24:12...

2. Parents: family choices (Gn.13)



# For a disciple in danger

## ☐ Lk.22:31-32

- ☐ Warned Peter of coming test
- ☐ Peter was unaware of satan's power
- ☐ Lord's prayers limited satan's power
- ☐ Peter's fall was temporary. Jn.21;  
Ac.2
- ☐ Jesus is just as concerned for us.  
Hb.7:25; 1 Jn.2:1-2

# For a disciple in danger

☐ Lk.22:31-32

☐ Warned Peter of coming test

☐ Peter's denial was temporary. Jesus' power

☐ Lord's power is permanent. Jesus' power

☐ Peter's fall was temporary. Jn.21;  
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Pray for others by name

3 John 2

Ac.12:12

# Gethsemane

☐ Lk.22:39-46

☐ Faces trials, cross, shame...

☐ Teaches us –

1. Value of prayer in trials

2. Virtue of total submission to God

Jesus desired God's will  
above life itself

# On the cross

□ Lk.23:34

- He closes public ministry in same way He began.

1. Greatest battle for some: adverse feelings for enemies, tormentors.

Ac.7

2. If we can pray for enemies, there is hope for us. Mt.6:14-15