

An encouraging word from our Pastor...

“Pointers for Prayer”

Luke 11:5–13

THEME: Jesus’ followers noticed the difference prayer made as He talked with His awesome Abba—“daddy God”. They wanted to pray like He did. Jesus gave the model prayer and then explained the character of Abba God. Is God your Abba?

I Jesus teaches us to pray knowing God hears and cares (Luke 11:5–8)

1. Pray specifically (v.5)
2. Pray persistently (v. 8)

II God burdens your heart and then moves you to action (Luke 11:9–10):

1. Ask God for guidance (v.9)

“My eyes will be open and my ears attentive to every prayer made in this place.” 2 Chronicles 7:15

2. Search for God’s activity “seek”
3. Persevere beyond closed doors “knock”

III Prayer is based on God’s character, not your ability (v.11–13):

1. If the request is wrong, God says “no”
2. If the timing is wrong, God says “slow”
3. If you are wrong, God says “grow”
4. If the request, timing, and you are right God says “Go!”

Make it Practical

- What steps will you take to strengthen your prayer life? Be specific!
- Have you asked Christ to forgive your sin and be the Leader of the life He gave you? If so, have you followed Him in baptism? These are the prerequisite to everything else in the Christian life. Trust Him today!

Hear the Word...write it down...LIVE it out...watch GOD work!

