



WHAT TO DO WHILE YOUR LIFE IS HAPPENING "Pray Up A Storm" Luke 11:1-13

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I. An Entreaty. v. 1

- A. We've seen you pray.
- B. We know John's disciples pray.
- C. We need to learn to pray.

II. An Explanation. vv. 2-4

- A. Prayer must be addressed correctly.
 - 1. "Father" — intimacy of relationship.
 - 2. "In heaven" — majesty of being. v. 13
- B. Prayer must be oriented appropriately.
 - 1. A concern for God's glory and recognition.
 - 2. A concern for the establishment of God's kingdom.
- C. Prayer approaches individual concerns legitimately. v. 4
 - 1. Physical needs — "daily bread." (Lit. "bread necessary.")
 - 2. Relational needs — "forgiven" and "forgiving."
 - 3. Spiritual needs — cause us not to succumb.

III. An Example. vv. 5-8

- A story about a friend of a friend of a friend.
- A. Friend #1 - Arrives unannounced at midnight.
- B. Friend #2 - Has no food in the house.
- C. Friend #3 - Is in bed but is awakened.
- D. Friend #2 - Is "shameless" in asking.
- E. Friend #3 - Is grumpy but helps.
- F. Friend #2 - An example of "shamelessness" in prayer.
- G. Friend #3 - If a grump like him will give...
"How much more will your Heavenly Father..."

IV. An Encouragement. vv. 9-13

- A. To go on asking—you will receive.
- B. To go on seeking—you will find.
- C. To go on knocking—you will gain entry.
- D. To go on trusting.
 - 1. That the Father will say "yes" to needs.
 - 2. That the Father will say "no" at times.
 - a. We say "fish"—He sees "snake."
 - b. We say "eggs"—He sees "scorpion."
 - 3. That the Father will give the Spirit.
 - a. He deals with the forgiveness situation.
 - b. He works in the temptation situation.

Points to ponder: Am I praying properly? Am I praying at all?