

MESSAGE NOTES

The Gospel of Luke
"The Right Way to Pray"
(Text: Luke 18:1-17)

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We should pray for the ...

1. _____ (Luke 18:1-8)

_____ does the exact opposite.

We should pray for a ...

2. _____ (Luke 18:9-14)

Notice the contrast in these two men:

The Pharisee prayed with:

(a) A _____ (vs. 11-12)

The tax collector prayed for:

(b) A _____ (vs. 13)

We need to pray for the grace to be like a ...

3. _____ (Luke 18:15-17)

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CONNECT GROUP HOMEWORK

For the week of March 31.

GETTING STARTED _____

1. What sorts of things do you find yourself praying for on a regular basis?

What might we learn about ourselves from considering the things we tend to pray for/about?

2. What attitude toward humility were you taught as a child?

- “If you’ve got it, flaunt it!”
- “Don’t toot your own horn.”
- “Being humble only gets you ignored.”
- “You’re the center of the universe.”
- “Never call attention to yourself.”
- Other?

DIGGING DEEPER _____

1. **Luke 18:1** says Jesus “told them a parable to the effect they ought to always pray and not lose heart.” What does it mean to “not lose heart”? In what situations are you most tempted to lose heart?

How does persistent prayer increase our faith?

2. Jesus’ parable in **Luke 18:9-14** highlights the contrast between the Pharisee and the tax collector. According to the following verses, how does God respond to those who are arrogant and self-righteous like the Pharisee?

- **Proverbs 8:13**
- **Proverbs 16:5**
- **James 4:6**

On the other hand, what do the verses below tell us are the rewards of humility?

- **Proverbs 15:33**
- **1 Peter 5:5-7**

3. What’s the difference between being childish and being childlike when it comes to faith?

Why are childlike qualities important for God’s kingdom?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION _____

1. The widow’s petition in **Luke 18** is an example of the powerless coming before the powerful. According to **Hebrews 4:16**, how are we to approach God?
2. How do we keep the childlike aspect that Jesus desires of us while not remaining spiritual infants in the process?