

“How to Pray”

John 16:23-24

The only thing recorded in Scripture the Disciples asked JESUS to teach them, was to teach them was _____ . Luke 11:1

I. Prayer is simply _____ to GOD.

II. Jesus told the Disciples:

“If you ASK” - you _____ . James 4:2-3 (3 X's)

“the Father” – we should see GOD as a loving, kind, _____ .

“for anything” - Do not be _____ to ask. If you are _____ in your prayers, the Holy Spirit will tell you.

“in MY Name” - The Powerful Name of JESUS is our _____ to Pray. Phil. 2:10-11

“HE will give it to you.” - Answers can be _____, _____, _____, or I have something _____.

“Until now” – _____ ...

“you have ASKED for nothing” – they had not taken _____ of the Father’s willingness to help.

“in MY Name.” – The Name all Heaven _____.

“ASK and you will receive” - HIS firm _____. Mt. 7:7-8

“that your joy may be made full” – We have needs, so we will realize that we _____. As we receive HIS help and strength, we fall _____ in love with HIM, and our trust and _____ in HIM grows, and we learn, that because of HIS _____, that we can depend on HIM. A stronger _____ with HIM produces JOY, more than the _____ to Prayer.

III. Below is a simple framework to help you begin

to PRAY: Prayer is NOT, “Hello, my name is _____, I’ll take all you _____.”

1. _____ – Your focus in prayer always starts _____, not you.

_____ HIM for WHO HE is. _____ HIM because of how good HE has been to you. _____ how you appreciate HIS unlimited character traits. Express your sincere _____ to HIM, daily. Psalm 22:3, Ps. 100:1-5

2. _____ – In any relationship, we _____. Our _____ can be bad, our _____ can be unkind, and our _____ can be utterly selfish. Plus we can fail to do the right thing (_____). All of these things are called _____. SIN creates _____ between people, and between us and our GOD. Acknowledging our _____, asking _____ for our actions, and repenting of them (_____) – is the only way these dividing walls come down. Ps. 66:18 In confession of Sin, be _____, not vague.

3. _____ – People that are _____ are people that do relationships well. People that are generally ungrateful, are people that are _____. When GOD and others are good to you, to not express appreciation, is actually _____ and unthinking. Are you grateful for what GOD has _____ for you? Tell HIM, and _____ the ways. 1 Thessalonians 5:18

4. _____ – Supplication means “please look with _____ upon me, because I humbly ask for your _____.” (_____) – Philippians 4:19 - HE _____ you to ask, and HE is _____ to helping you. Matthew 7:11
 - A. _____ – is praying for _____. Be specific. Be _____. Pray in _____. Luke 8:50

 - B. _____ – is praying for _____. There is nothing wrong with praying for yourself. IF you don't ask, HE _____. Ask boldly. Ask daily. Ask _____. Heb. 4:16