

Prayer and the Pursuit of Right Relationship

Luke 18: 9 - 14

The Series Objectives – Disciples are Made, Not Born

1. Background & Review: Develop a STRATEGIC Prayer PLAN. (Mark 1:35; Luke 5: 15 – 16; Mark 6: 45-46; Luke 11: 1; Matthew 6: 5 - 13)

2. A Case Study on PRAYER: (Luke 18: 9 - 14) (9 - 10)
 - A. The Pharisee's HEART ATTITUDE. (Luke 18: 11 – 12)

 - B. The Tax Collector's HEART ATTITUDE. (Luke 18: 13)

 - C. Jesus' Central Idea Regarding Prayer: HONESTY and HUMILITY are Paramount. (14)

3. ADORATION: The Beginning of WORSHIP. (Rev 4:11 & Ps 145, 146, 40,& 8).

Application Points

1. Yes, Believers can have **IMPROPER** heart **ATTITUDES** when it comes to personal prayer. God is not **SANTA CLAUSE**, a **GENIE** or a **VENDING MACHINE**.
2. Believers can be lured into a **FALSE** form of **PRIDE** when they address God as their **BUDDY**, **COMPANION**, or **FRIEND**.
3. This week deploy **A.C.T.S.** in your **EVERYDAY** prayer life.
4. Express **ADORATION** to God by **ACKNOWLEDGING** at least one **DIVINE ATTRIBUTE** during prayer time this week.
5. **ADORATION** in one's prayer life is **CRITICAL** to express proper **HONESTY** and **HUMILITY** before God.

Quote on Prayer

"Spiritual Growth is impossible apart from the practice of prayer. Just as the key to enhanced relationships with other people is time spent in communication, so the key to a growing relationship with the personal God of heaven and earth is time invested in speaking to Him in prayer and listening to His voice in Scripture." Dr. Ken Boa

