

Discipleship

Lesson - 3 Discipleship and Prayer

Memory Verse

John 17:20, 21, NKJV “ *I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me* ’ ”.

“Let the workers grasp the promises of God, saying, ‘Thou hast promised, “Ask, and ye shall receive.” I must have this soul converted to Jesus Christ.’ Solicit prayer for the souls for whom you labor; present them before the church as objects for the supplication. . . . Select another and still another soul, daily seeking guidance from God, laying everything before Him in earnest prayer, and working in divine wisdom.”—Ellen G. White, *Medical Ministry*, pp. 244, 245.

Time-Tested Compassion

Daniel 9:2–19 **Daniel’s prayer comes through bible study.**

Daniel 9:2 (NKJV) *in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years specified by the word of the Lord through Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.*

Daniel 9:3 (NKJV) *Then I set my face toward the Lord God to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes.*

***Daniel 6:10** *Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days.*

Time For Prayer

Matthew 14:22–23 (NKJV) *Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.²³ And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there.*

***Mark 1:35** *Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed. Jesus made time for prayer during an incredibly busy ministry.*

A Place Alone

Luke 5:15–16 (NKJV) *However, the report went around concerning Him all the more; and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by Him of their infirmities.¹⁶ So He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed.*

Luke 6:12–13 (NKJV)¹² *Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.¹³ And when it was day, He called His disciples to Himself; and from them He chose twelve whom He also named apostles:*

***Luke 11:1** *Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples." Prayer can be taught.*

“Prayer is the opening of the heart to God as to a friend. Not that it is necessary in order to make known to God what we are, but in order to enable us to receive Him. Prayer does not bring God down to us, but brings us up to Him.”—Ellen G. White, *Steps to Christ*, p. 93.

John 14:12–14 (NKJV) *“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.¹³ And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.¹⁴ If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.”*

Luke 23:34 *Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."*

Timeless Teaching

Matthew 6:7–8 (NKJV)⁷ *And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words.⁸ “Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.*

Matthew 7:7–11 (NKJV)⁷ *“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.⁸ For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.⁹ Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone?¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent?¹¹ If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!*

***Luke 11:13 (NKJV)** *If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"*

Matthew 18:19–20 (NKJV) *"Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."* **Pray with others**

Timeless Compassion

Luke 22:31–32 (NKJV) *And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. ³² But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren."*

***Hebrews 2:17 (NKJV)** *Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.*

Timeless Compassion Replicated

Acts 1:13–14 (NKJV) *And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴ These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.*

1 Timothy 2:1–4 (NKJV) *Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, ² for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. ³ For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

James 5:13–18 (NKJV) *Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. ¹⁷ Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not*

rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

1 John 5:16 (NKJV) ¹⁶ *If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin which does not lead to death, he will ask, and He will give him life for those who commit sin not leading to death. There is sin leading to death. I do not say that he should pray about that.*