



LET US PRAY

LESSON 5 // HOW TO PRAY—PART 2

Big Idea: Jesus taught us that it's appropriate to pray for our needs, but we're often not sure *how* to pray for these. What should you remember when you tell God about your needs? See God as your Source and believe in His abundant supply and generous nature. Focus on today's needs and be specific when you pray. Do your part by managing your life well and remembering the needs of others.

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 (NIV) *Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.*

Philippians 4:19 (NIV) *And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus.*

Matthew 7:11 (NIV) *If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask Him!*

Philippians 4:6-7 (Living) *Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything; tell God your needs, and don't forget to thank Him for His answers. ⁷ If you do this, you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will keep your thoughts and your hearts quiet and at rest as you trust in Christ Jesus.*

Malachi 3:10 (NIV) *"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house. Test Me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."*

Luke 6:38 (NIV) *Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.*

Start Talking:

How specific are you in asking God for your needs? Why is this important in your relationship with Him?

Start Thinking:

Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 and Philippians 4:19. How do these verses encourage you about God as your Source?

Read Matthew 7:11. Why is it so important to pray with an understanding of God's generous nature?

Read Philippians 4:6-7. What do you learn from these verses about how to approach God in prayer?

Read Malachi 3:10-12, Luke 6:38, 2 Corinthians 9:6-8. In what ways does giving generously open your heart and life to God's provision and blessing?

Start Praying and Doing:

Pray for a deeper understanding of God as your generous heavenly Father. Open your heart to receive what He wants to richly provide, while also humbly submitting to His Word and will. And look for opportunities to give freely of your time, talent and treasure to others as you freely receive from the Lord (Matthew 10:8)!