HOW TO PRAY FOR YOURSELF
LUKE 18:13/ 8-12-20 / WED

I. FIRST, PRAY FOR GOD’S MERCY.

A. This may be where we should begin to pray for ourselves—Luke 18:13.

B. What does the Bible mean by mercy?

Mercy in Hebrew—“Racham” means “to love or have compassion” --Psalm 116:5.

Mercy in Greek—“Eleemon” means “to have pity on,” to “show compassion” --Matthew 5:7.

5:7a—Blessed are the merciful…

C. There is a requirement, we must show mercy to others—Matt. 5:7; 6:12; 6:14.

II. SECOND, PRAY FOR GOD’S HELP.

A. When life’s a mess, pray for God’s help.

B. Jonah prayed for God’s help even though he didn’t deserve it—Jonah 2:1-2.

III. THIRD, PRAY FOR GOD’S STRENGTH.

A. The hymn, “I Need Thee Every Hour”, expresses it like this.

B. Verses about God’s strength—Exodus 15:2; Psalms 18:32; Isaiah 41:10.
IV. FOURTH, PRAY FOR GOD’S BLESSING.

A. One of the best-selling Christian books on the market is “The Prayer of Jabez”. It’s based on one man’s prayer found in 1 Chronicles 4:9-10.

B. It doesn’t have to be selfish though for at least two reasons.

1. First, it’s appropriate to pray for blessing so you can be a blessing to others.

2. Second, it doesn’t have to be a prayer for material blessings either.

V. FIFTH, PRAY FOR GOD’S WILL.

A. This is how Jesus told us to pray—Matt. 6:10.

B. This is also how Jesus prayed himself—Matt. 26:39.