



# TALK LESS PRAY MORE

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**Text:** Luke 9:18-27

**Title:** Before Spiritual Influence

## Introduction:

*2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

*Colossians 2:6-7 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: 7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving*

*1 Thessalonians 5:11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.*

*Hebrews 10:24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:*

Our lives either influence others toward Christ or away from Christ. We desire to influence others toward Christ, yet too often try to do so in their own wisdom and strength. Jesus modeled ministry that flowed out of prayerfulness. Jesus told us that “...without me, ye can do nothing.” Without Him we cannot discern the spiritual needs of others nor can we meet those spiritual needs influencing them toward Christ. Let’s

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learn from the pattern of Christ before He helped His disciples to take another spiritual step of growth.

## 1. Jesus Got \_\_\_\_\_ for Prayer (18)

*Luke 9:18 And it came to pass, as he was alone praying, his disciples were with him: and he asked them, saying, Whom say the people that I am?*

*Mark 6:46 And when he had sent them away, he departed into a mountain to pray.*

QUOTE: Accusations harden the will. Questions stimulate the conscience.

## 2. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ Concerning their Perspective (18b-20)

NOTE: Jesus already knew! *Jesus is* \_\_\_\_\_.

*Luke 9:18b-20 ...and he asked them, saying, Whom say the people that I am? 19 They answering said, John the Baptist; but some say, Elias; and others say, that one of the old prophets is risen again. 20 He said unto them, But whom say ye that I am? Peter answering said, The Christ of God.*

*Matthew 16:17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.*

NOTE: Spiritual growth will always include fresh realization of who Christ is to you personally.

*John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.*

*John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

*Proverbs 23:7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he...*

### 3. Jesus Applied Truth to their Path (21-27)

THERE IS PERSONAL \_\_\_\_\_ NEEDED.

*Luke 9:21 And he straitly charged them, and commanded them to tell no man that thing;*

THERE ARE \_\_\_\_\_ AHEAD.

*Luke 9:22 Saying, The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day.*

*2 Timothy 3:1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.*

THERE IS \_\_\_\_\_ REQUIRED.

*Luke 9:23-27 And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. 24 For whosoever will*

*save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it. 25 For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away? 26 For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels. 27 But I tell you of a truth, there be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the kingdom of God.*

## Conclusion

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