

PRAY LIKE JESUS

Part 4: A Thankful Prayer • Luke 10 • Pastor Ben Suggs • Freedom Family Church

Read **Luke 10:21-22**

TRUTH: Not ALL of our prayers need to be _____.

- **Psalm 100:4:** "Enter his gates with **thanksgiving**; go into his courts with **praise**. Give thanks to him and praise his name."

1. Pray to _____ and be _____ by the Spirit.

- **v21:** "Jesus was filled with the **joy** of the **Holy Spirit**..."
- **Colossians 3:16:** "Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs **from the Spirit**, **singing to God with gratitude in your hearts**."
- **Romans 8:26-27:** "But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for **the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will**."

Does the Holy Spirit GUIDE your prayers and make them JOYFUL?

2. Pray in _____ of humility and in search of _____.

- **v21:** "...thank you for hiding these things from those who **think themselves wise and clever**, and for **revealing them to the childlike**."
- **Matthew 18:2-4:** "Jesus called a little child to him and put the child among them. Then he said, "I tell you the truth, unless you turn from your sins and become like little children, you will never get into the Kingdom of Heaven. **So anyone who becomes as humble as this little child** is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven."

- Ephesians 1:16-17: "I pray for you constantly, asking God... to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God."

TRUTH: INFORMATION is a poor substitute for _____.

- 1 Corinthians 8:1: "Knowledge makes us arrogant, but love builds up..."

Is God "hiding" something from you because of your lack of HUMILITY?

3. Pray with God's _____ in mind.

- v22: "...it pleased you to do it this way."
- Psalm 68:26: "Bless God in the great congregation..."

TRUTH: God can be _____ by our prayers as much as _____.

- Psalm 103:1-4: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy."

When was the last time you PRAYED "for God's sake"?

- Acts 2:38: "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."