

“AMEN?”

LUKE 11:5-13

Prayer isn't to be an afterthought but the forethought. It isn't a last ditch appeal but the centerpiece of life. It isn't to something mechanical or mindless but to overflow from a heart passionately and purposefully pursuing Christ.

The Lord's Prayer may answer the "What," but the topic does not end there. Another facet remains.

HOW SHOULD I PRAY?

① _____ (11:5)

Prayer is approaching God who personally _____ you and who you personally _____.

_____ is important in prayer, for we do not approach a stranger or a foreigner but the "One who laid down His life for His friends" (John 15:13).

② _____ (11:6)

This isn't necessarily how we approach God in prayer as we bombard Him with our own needs and concerns and struggles.

③ _____ (11:7-8)

The man making the request at this late hour does so unashamedly because his _____ in asking is not self-centered but others-centered.

When we cloth ourselves with humility, we find a receptive ear with God. In such an approach of lifting up our requests, He then lifts us up (James 4:10).

④ _____ (11:9)

The Christian life is not a "one and done" session but a continual and consistent spiritual workout.

The series of action verbs that energize this verse call us to _____ on _____ on.

⑤ _____ (11:10)

But we cannot pray this way if we _____ God's timeliness, power or affection.

If He is concerned about birds and lilies and hairs, then you can be certain He is _____ about all things in your life.

⑥ _____ (11:11-12)

The inclusion of these food items suggests that we concern ourselves with the _____ needs of others.

So too, we must not engage in _____ requests!

CONCLUSION

"How much more" is the measure God employs in response to your prayers. Why? Because He is God! Why would we not want to pray to this God who stands alone and to whom no one compares?