

Series: 7 Habits of a Disciple
Message: A Supplicating Life
Text: Luke 11:1-13 (AM 4/2/17)

Some people spend their lives aspiring access to the *inner circle* of powerful people. There they hope to find the ear, *favor* of the person of influence. The disciples didn't *aspire* the inner circle of Jesus' followers, they were *called* to it. Daily, they had an *audience* with the Son of God, Creator of the universe. They didn't ask to preach or perform miracles like Him. They understood there was something of far greater value He could give them. *Prayer*. So, the twelve asked Jesus to teach them how to pray. *Can we, should we do less?* The third Habit of a Disciple is Prayer, *A Life of Supplication*.

I. The Foundation of Prayer (1-2a)

Our dependence on prayer

- A powerful pattern for prayer (1a) "*He was praying...*"
- A personal passion for prayer (1b) "*Lord, teach us to pray...*"
- A persistent practice of prayer (2a) "*When you pray...*"

II. The Framework of Prayer (2b-4)

Our discipline in prayer

- The person of our prayer (2a) "*Our Father, in heaven...*"
- The praise of prayer (2b) "*Hallowed be your Name...*"
- The priority of prayer (2c) "*Your Kingdom come...*"
- The purpose of prayer (2d) "*Your will be done...*"
- The provision of prayer (3a) "*Give us day by day our daily bread...*"
- The pardon of prayer (4a) "*Forgive us our sins...*"
- The protection of prayer (4b) "*Do not lead us into temptation...*"

III. The Function of Prayer (5-10)

Our deliverance through prayer

- Prayer is *born* in a problem (5-6) "*I have nothing...*"
- Prayer is *brought* to a person (7) "*Shall have a friend...*"
- Prayer is *blessed* in persistence (8-10) "*Because of his persistence*"

Application to life: With a smartphone, most of the time we can *google* essential information and *connect* with influential people. With prayer, we can access the *Creator* and approach the *Father...anytime, anywhere*. There are *no limitations* to our plan or coverage. *Overages* are encouraged. Jesus paid for our plan *in full*. An attentive *heart* and faithful *discipline* are all that's needed to *activate* your prayer plan. Aren't you ready to take prayer to a new level?