

What You Really Need Is.... A Real Prayer Life

Isaiah 50:4-7

⁴The Lord God has given Me the tongue of disciples, That I may know how to sustain the weary one with a word. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear to listen as a disciple.

⁵The Lord God has opened My ear; And I was not disobedient Nor did I turn back.

⁶I gave My back to those who strike Me, And My cheeks to those who pluck out the beard;

I did not cover My face from humiliation and spitting. ⁷For the Lord God helps Me,

Therefore, I am not disgraced; Therefore, I have set My face like flint, And I know that I will not be ashamed.

Mark 1:35-39

³⁵In the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left *the house*, and went away to a secluded place, and was praying there. ³⁶Simon and his companions searched for Him; ³⁷they found Him, and *said to Him, "Everyone is looking for You." ³⁸He *said to them, "Let us go somewhere else to the towns nearby, so that I may preach there also; for that is what I came for." ³⁹And He went into their synagogues throughout all Galilee, preaching and casting out the demons. Healing of the leper- "I am willing"

Luke 11:1

11 It happened that while Jesus was praying in a certain place, after He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John also taught his disciples."

Matthew 6:9-13

⁹"Pray, then, in this way:

Real prayer follows a pattern, not a program.

'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

Real prayer is intensely spiritual; it means entering the realms of eternity by faith.

Real prayer is from a child in simple faith to his or her living Father, who is in heaven, and is listening.

Real prayer is seeking to make a name for God, not for ourselves.

¹⁰'Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

Real prayer is an invitation to God to rule on earth in places He currently does not have a throne.

Real prayer comes from a surrendered heart.

¹¹'Give us this day our daily bread.

Real prayer does not forget to be intensely practical and specific.

Lawnmower story

¹²'And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

Real prayer is repentant, and does not presume upon the grace of God.

Real prayer flows from the heart of a disciple in whom hypocrisy is dying out through obedience.

When was the last practical expression of your faith?

To pray like Jesus, we have to live like Jesus- daily following the Father's leading and keeping His commands.

¹³ 'And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Real prayer takes the fight to the enemy in heavenly places and within the heart, and fights to win.

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.'

Real prayer acknowledges God in His total sovereignty, unlimited power, and ultimate glory.

It's tone is victorious, it's substance is full of faith, and it ends with real answers from a living God.

Psalm 5:3

³In the morning, O Lord, You will hear my voice; In the morning I will order *my prayer* to You and *eagerly* watch.