

Matthew 6:9-13

- ✓ We have been taking a careful look at the Lord's Prayer which is really the disciple's prayer because it goes right along with Jesus' definition of a disciple, **Luke 9:23**.
 - ✓ The first thing we do is deny ourselves: "It's Your glory, Your agenda, Your will, not mine"
 - ✓ This is a model for all prayer and each phrase is expansive and comprehensive, everything we need to know about prayer is contained here.
 - ✓ So, we come to the fourth request and it's the first request that is aimed at our needs.
 - ✓ Very instructive! The first half of how to pray according to Jesus is that your prayer be directed at God and His glory and not yourself.
 - ✓ We come to God in prayer, and Jesus doesn't allow us to present our pressing needs first. What does that tell you?
 - ✓ **Nothing** on your list is as urgent for you as you glorifying God, seeking His kingdom and His will.
 - ✓ Jesus is telling us how to get the most out of prayer, don't you want that?
 - ✓ Think of it not so much as priority but as Urgency, the urgent need of my life and of yours is that God's name be hallowed, that's God's kingdom come, and that God's will be done
 - ✓ When these things happen in your life, there's not much else to ask for!
 - ✓ When God's issues are the urgent issues for you, you put in motion all the promises and processes of God that will more than take care of the things on your needs list.
 - ✓ --When God's issues are the urgent issues for you, you won't have a problem believing **Philippians 4:19; Matthew 6:7-8; 1 Peter 5:7**
 - ✓ God attends to our needs like a good shepherd. **Psalms 23:1**. When you know He's on the job, you don't want for anything.
 - ✓ "Give us this day our daily bread." That's all! No big list with all the intricate details.
 - ✓ Why would we even ask when we know He knows our needs and is faithful to supply them?
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The Purpose of Prayer:

Why?

1. Because we aren't training or teaching God anything in prayer; we are being taught.
2. We aren't directing the mind of God; our minds are being directed.
3. We aren't shaping God to our agenda; we are being shaped to His.

Our daily bread? Every day we ask this. Every time we pray, we are to carry this attitude to God.

- ✓ Isn't our daily bread the humblest of all requests?
 - ✓ How humiliating it is to ask just for bread!
 - ✓ When we have our paycheck in our pocket and our Walmart open 24 hours or Whataburger across the street, we tend to forget our humble state, that it all comes from HIM, and we are dependent on Him for all of it.
 - ✓ What about the other requests? We ask them: **Philippians 4:6-7** the issue isn't getting or not getting those things, it's the peace of God
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