

The 12 Prayer Lessons from the Life of Jesus (III)
(Taken from the leader's prayer life by Rick Warren)

The last two weeks, we have learned and discussed the amazing prayer life of our Lord, Jesus, which are:

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| 1. Principle of Illumination | 5. Principle of Transformation |
| 2. Principle of Isolation | 6. Principle of Exemplification |
| 3. Principle of Concentration | 7. Principle of Preservation |
| 4. Principle of Insulation | 8. Principle of Preparation |

So what's more that made Jesus Christ's prayer life has an extra ordinary power and bring God's presence? Today we will understand the last four about the 12 prayer lessons from the life of Jesus Christ and let these lessons be apply in our prayer lives, making us above average to give bigger impact to glorify His name.

9. The principle of REVELATION

This is a prayer that reveals a lot of Jesus' character because He was praying on the cross when He was in pain. Usually when we see what other people say, do and pray when they really in trouble and can't turn to anyone, then their prayer will reveals what's really inside them. It is a revelation of a person showing what's really inside their heart.

And on the cross this is what Jesus said (Luke 23:34);

"Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing."

Jesus was in such agony, yet He was still praying for other people. Jesus was praying to forgive those who put Him in cross. Prayer is a revelation of a person, it shows what's inside the heart. There is a power of resurrection. This power is not to have freedom from problems, but to be victorious over problems. That is exactly what Jesus did.

You will see that when you pray as Jesus prayed, God will give you new insight, new revelation about what God wants you to do in your life. Praying produces a different breed of people, people that can handle crisis, a victorius – so when you encounter problems, more so; bring it to the Lord in prayer.

10. The prayer of SATIFACTON

What kind of satisfaction that Jesus means here?

Luke 23:46 "Jesus cried out with a loud voice. 'Father, into Thy hands I commit My Spirit.' When He said this, He breathed His last."

Jesus has satisfied God the Father because He did what He was supposed to do. More than that, Jesus was satisfied Himself with what He had done. Because of that - that He had satisfied the Father and He was satisfied with Himself – He can satisfy every need that you will ever have. He said, *"I've finished it all. It's all complete."*

Many times people are not satisfied in their lives, whether wanting more of something or wanting not to have problems. Yet as Roman 5 says, if God loved us enough to send Jesus to die for us while we were still sinners; He solved our greatest problems there. That means any other problem

is small compared to our greatest problem of needing salvation. The biggest thing to be satisfied is to receive His salvation and like Jesus did, He satisfied Father with doing what He are called to do.

11. The principle of GRATIFICATION

Let's be thankful! ***Phil 4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God***

Jesus expressed His gratitude for what God had done in His life. His prayers were filled with thanksgiving. Look at the Lord's supper; Jesus was at the table with His disciples, He took the bread, He gave thanks and He broke it and give it to them. Jesus gave thanks.

Do you know the one sin that is the root of many other sins might be ingratitude. There are too many people without realizing have ingratitude life style, but today let's start, let's add, let's focus on God's goodness and develop more of gratitude life style.

Phillippians says that make your *request with thanksgiving* – so when we ask, we should be grateful at the same time.

12. The principle of BENEDECTION

Luke 24:50 "When He had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, He lifted up His hands and He blessed them."

Interestingly the very last thing Jesus did before He was taken up into heaven, He hold His hands out and He blessed them. He holds His hands out so they would see the scars that are in His palms. Only the one who has the scars in His hands has the ability to answer our prayers. It is no wonder that when He went to bless them and held out His sacred hands that they went from there immediately and left to spend ten days in prayer (Acts) and received Holy Spirit.(Acts 1:8, Acts 2:4)

Robert Schuller had a strange experience when a man came running into the service and interrupted the worship. This man ran to the front and yelled, "I am Christ. I am Christ." Schuller, in a moment of inspiration, looked at him and said, if you're Jesus Christ, then show me the nail prints in your hands." Then this crazy man stopped, looked down in his hands and then collapsed to the floors where the ushers then carried him out.

Only Jesus, the one that has nail prints in His hands can answer our prayers.

As closing of these 12 lessons let's ask ourselves: For what definite thing am I praying constantly? What am I praying for cannot be accomplished from a human standpoint? Most of us are living lives that everything we do can be accomplished by the power of human flesh and we wouldn't need God's Spirit. But God wants us to live in such a way that we're bound to fail unless He bails out.

Find out, have you been praying in faith expecting an answer? Have you been praying with a thankful heart? Surely you have seen what God has been able to do in your life with little prayer. Have you wonder how much more He could have done if you would be even more in tune with Him.
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