

Intensive Prayer

[Luk 18:1 NASB] 1 Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart,

Introduction:

Interrogative (attitude or feel, know, do):

Transitional:

Body (Scripture, Illustration, Argumentation, Application):

- I. Jesus teaches us to pray.
 - A. Now He was telling them a parable...
 - B. [Luk 11:1-2 NASB] 1 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." 2 And He said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come.'
- II. Jesus reveals the circumstances to pray.
 - A. ...that at all times
 - B. [Phl 4:6 NASB] 6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.
 - C. [1Th 5:17 NASB] 17 pray without ceasing;
- III. Jesus gives a responsibility to pray.
 - A. ...they ought to pray
 - B. [Jas 5:13 NASB] 13 Is anyone among you suffering? [Then] he must pray. Is anyone cheerful? He is to sing praises.
 - C. [Mat 6:5-9 NASB] 5 "When you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they may be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. 6 "But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees [what is done] in secret will reward you. 7 "And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words. 8 "So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him. 9 "Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.'
- IV. Jesus wants us to understand what happens when we pray.
 - A. ...and not to lose heart
 - B. [Luk 17:14 NASB] 14 When He saw them, He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they were going, they were cleansed.
- V. Jesus encourages us to pray.
 - A. ...and not to lose heart
 - B. [Col 4:12 NASB] 12 Epaphras, who is one of your number, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, sends you his greetings, always laboring earnestly for you in his prayers, that you may stand perfect and fully assured in all the will of God.

Conclusion (attitude or feel, know, do):