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Lesson One: Believe the Good News

- I. We pray from a position of “finished.”
 - A. Enter His presence with thanks giving. **Psalms 100:4**
 - B. Thanksgiving should be the most frequently used prayer in your arsenal.
 - 1. Thanksgiving declares His finished work.
 - 2. Thanksgiving is a declaration of faith... you believe it is finished.
- II. What was Jesus preaching? **Mark 1:14-15**
 - A. *Gospel is “good news.” The News has already happened.*
 - B. *The “news reporter” gives a “report” of what has happened. The meteorologist give a you a forecast is expected to happen. The gospel is the good news report.*
 - 1. News is a report of what had already happened. **Isaiah 53:1**
 - 2. Not a promise, but the fulfillment of a promise. **Luke 4:18-21**

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III. Bible and note book, essential tools for your prayer time.

A. The devil will ask you the same question he asked Eve. **Genesis 3:1**

B. Say nothing to the devil except what is written. It's why you take your Bible to your prayer time. **Luke 4:4, 8, 12**

1. The demons were crying "foul." **Matthew 8:28-29**

2. Every time in Jesus ministry that demons spoke, they revealed Jesus as the Son of God, but Jesus commanded them to shut up... because they knew Him. **Mark 1:24; Luke 4:34; Mark 1:34**

a) Why would Jesus not want them to reveal that? **1 John 4:2-3**

b) *To confession that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is to acknowledge His authority on earth.*

c) Any time a demons speaks, though he may say true words, the intention is deception. Scripture says the devil deceives nations

3. Why would you want to carry on conversation with anyone, knowing all they do is lie? **John 8:44**

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C. Assure yourself of a hearing with God. **1 John 5:14-15**

1. Ask = aitéō, ahee-teh'-o;—ask, call for, crave, desire, require.
2. This “asking” is not an attempt to persuade God, but to ask in the same way you would ask a bank teller for a withdrawal from your account. The money already belongs to you. If you, using proper procedure, ask, call for, or place a demand on your account, the teller is required by law to honor your request.
3. Proper procedure is to ask according to what is written.
4. You are not attempting to get God to make a deposit in your account, it has already been deposited... it is finished... deposited already made by Christ Jesus' finished work.
Philippians 4:19

IV. The gospel reveals the righteousness of God. **Romans 1:16-17**

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Lesson Two: Jesus Teaches Prayer

V. Old Testament principles as they now are, under the New. **Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:1-4**

A. Rightly dividing the Lord's Prayer. **2 Timothy 2:15**

1. Should we continue to pray what has been answered?
2. This is a constant. *"Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name."*
3. *Your kingdom come... Your will be done.*
 - a) This has been answered in once sense... **Luke 17:20-21**
 - b) But the kingdom is not with in all... so we preach and pray. **1 Timothy 2:1-4**
 - c) The will of God is clearly not done on earth as a whole. **2 Peter 3:9**
 - d) *Give us day by day our daily bread.* **2 Corinthians 8:9**

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e) *And forgive us our sins, For we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. **Colossians 2:12-14; Romans 4:5-8; 1 John 2:12***

f) *And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one."*

VI. What else did Jesus teach us on prayer?

A. *"When you fast..." **Matthew 6:16-18***

1. *Is fasting a New Testament practice?*

a) To get rid of unbelief. **Matthew 17:14-21**

b) Paul fasted. **Acts 27:21**

c) The only instruction Paul give a for fasting... the only post-cross instructions we have. **1 Corinthians 7:5**

B. Did Jesus often pray all night? We only have once recorded instance of it. **Luke 6:12**

C. Did Jesus always get up before daylight to pray? We only have one recorded verse where He did that. **Mark 1:35**

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Lesson Three: Time With the Lord

I. Prayer is more than talking to God. It includes listening. **Acts 13:1-3**

A. Don't operate without the filter. **Galatians 1:8**

1. God is not the only one who answers prayer. **2 Corinthians 11:14**

2. Test the spirits. **1 John 4:1-3**

3. Never trust your emotions to tell you what is of God.

4. God is not offended if you ask Him to show it to you in the Bible.

B. The fasting. To get human, carnal wisdom, which produces unbelief, out of the way.

1. We speak mysteries. **1 Corinthians 2:6-7**

2. When the flesh is talking too much. **1 Corinthians 2:8-13**

3. Fasting is to set your mind on the things of the Spirit. **Romans 8:1-8**

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4. Unbelief - what you can't receive, you can't believe. **1 Corinthians 2:14-16**
 - a) When we pray in the Spirit— an unknown tongue, we speak mysteries. **1 Corinthians 14:2**
 - b) Paul, the man who wrote 2/3 of the New Testament, spoke with tongues more than any of the Corinthians. **1 Corinthians 14:18**
5. *"Sensual persons," meaning they are led by their physical senses.* **Jude 1:17-19**
 - a) Mockers (bitter, contemptuous, critical, disrespectful) sensual persons— these are flesh ruled people who do not have the Spirit.
 - b) *But you beloved...* called to be different, led by the Spirit. **Jude 1:20**
 - c) Praying in the spirit will keep you in the love of God, looking for mercy. **Jude 1:21**
 - d) Mercy knows some need compassion, while others need a stern guiding hand. You need Holy Spirit to make the distinction. **Jude 1:22-25**

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C. Learning to listen makes praying with out ceasing possible. **1 Thessalonians 5:17**

1. How the Lord taught me to listen.
2. Shouldn't the one who knows more, talk more?

D. Not a question of prayer or the Word. Not one or the other, but both.

II. Evidence they had been with Jesus. **Acts 4:13**

A. It's what Jesus was talking about. **Acts 1:8**

1. *Witness -vs- being a witnesses.*
2. *Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon says, A witness is one who avers, or can aver, what he himself has seen or heard or knows by any other means.*
3. *W. E. Vine says, those whole lives and action testified to the worth and effect of faith.*

B. Transformation happens as we look upon the unveiled fact of Jesus.
2 Corinthians 3:12-18

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Lesson Four: True Worship

III. What is true worship?

A. The venue. **John 4:20-24**

B. Under the Old Covenant, the venue was the temple in Jerusalem.
Under the New Covenant, you are the temple.

C. In spirit and truth. **John 4:24**

1. **John 17:17** “

2. It is not “TRUE” worship unless it is the Word. I don’t mean scripture songs. I mean worship that elevates, scripturally, accurately, what God has done in Christ.

3. Worship is to God, about Him and what He has done, but it is for you and for your benefit. In fact, all creation is for you.
Colossians 1:16,

IV. The fear of the Lord equals worship. **Luke 4:8**

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- A. Worship = proskynéō, (meaning to kiss, like a dog licking his master's hand); to fawn or crouch to, i.e. (literally or figuratively) prostrate oneself in homage (do reverence to, adore):—worship.
- B. **Deuteronomy 6:13**
- C. **Romans 12:1-2 New King James; Romans 12:1 Mirror Study Bible.** *Live consistent with who you really are, inspired by the loving kindness of God. My brothers, the most practical expression of worship is to make your bodies available to him as a living sacrifice; this pleases him more than any religious routine. He desires to find visible, individual expression in your person. 2 Do not allow current religious tradition to mold you into its pattern of reasoning. Like an inspired artist, give attention to the detail of God's desire to find expression in you. Become acquainted with perfection.*
- D. Is God so desperate for worship that He needed to create a universe with a planet inhabited by worshippers? **Ecclesiastes 12:13**
- E. More than what you do on Sunday morning... singing worship songs; maybe lift our hands, kneeling, shouting and dancing.
- V. In the Old Testament, did they always send the worshippers out ahead of the army? **2 Chronicles chapter 20.**
- A. That was one battle plan for one battle.

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- B. Does praise and worship music persuade God to do something in our situation.
- C. Is God so starved for worship that He can be manipulated by it to do our bidding? **Revelation chapter 4** reveals to us the worship that is continuous before His throne.
- D. God loves and receives your worship, but He does not need it. **Acts 17:25** ‘
 - 1. God created beings who worship Him continuously **Psalms 50:9-12**
 - 2. To set the record straight, there are some things He does need from us, but it is only because He intentionally put Himself in that position for relationship.
 - a) If you worship, then worship, no rebuke, but not because you think He needs it.
 - b) Jesus has already fought your battle and won, so you don’t need to fight it with your worship.
 - c) Worship music does not persuade God. Why would we need to persuade Him to do what He has already done. True worship songs are based on the word of God, and rehearse what He HAS done, rehearse His victory, and cause faith to

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rise in your heart... faith in what He HAS done, not faith that He will do something.

- d) Some say, "God can't do anything until we worship." That idea reduces God to dependence on something you must give Him...
- e) The Lord said to me one day, "while you're singing worship songs about me, I'm singing songs about you." **Zephaniah 3:17**
- f) *Worship was made for man, not man for worship.* **Mark 2:27-28** we read Jesus' response.
- g) You see; God likes music. He sent heaven's angel band to perform on His Son's birthday (**Luke 2**). But He created you for something the angels could not provide.

VI. Start prayer with worship. **Matthew 6:9; Psalms 100:1-5**

VII. All that is within me. **Psalms 103:1**

A. Bless, or worship.

B. All that is within me. – what is in me?

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- C. When you use Old Testament scriptures in worship, always apply them with New Testament truth.

VIII. Praise can be spoken to you about Jesus, but worship is spoken directly to Him.

A. To other people

1. To another generation - people. **Psalms 145:4; Psalms 78:4**
2. Tell who? **Psalms 9:1; Psalms 9:14; Psalms 26:7; Psalms 71:15**
3. Among the people. **1 Chronicles 16:8**
4. The humble, people shall hear. **Psalms 34:2**
5. People shall see it... **Psalms 40:3**
6. Unto my brethren. **Psalms 22:22**

B. Directly to the Lord

1. In spirit – your spirit to His spirit. **John 4:23-24**

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2. Unto Him. **Psalms 149:3**
3. Directly to the Lord. **Nehemiah 12:46**
4. Unto our God. **Psalms 147:1**
5. Unto Him. **Psalms 95:2**
6. Unto the Lord. **Psalms 147:7**
7. Sing unto Him. **1 Chronicles 16:9**
8. Unto Him with instruments. **Psalms 33:2; Psalms 71:22; Psalms 98:5; Psalms 144:9**

IX. Is it appropriate to worship the Lord in tongues in public?

- A. Question is who are you speaking to. **1 Corinthians 14:2**
- B. **1 Corinthians 14:14**
- C. **1 Corinthians 14:15**

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D. 1 Corinthians 14:17

E. 1 Corinthians 14:39