

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

THE LIFE OF JESUS

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PART 11: JUDGING & PRAYER

JUDGING

Bring truth to people but don't be judgmental; help them to repent and practice forgiveness. **verse 37; Matthew 7:1-5**

The leadership in each church should exercise judgment within the congregation. **1 Corinthians 5:1-13**

Each member should be looking after those who are weak, neglected, or taken advantage of to make sure they are treated right. **Proverbs 31:8-9**

We are to do preventive work in the church and each member should be looking around and see what he can do to help people before they succumb to sin and are destroyed spiritually. **Galatians 6:1-2; James 5:19-20**

If each Christian walked circumspectly (i.e. was vigilant and thoughtful), conflicts among family and church members would cease to exist and there would be nothing but joy and happiness. **Ephesians 5:14-21**

PRAYER

Prayer is a fundamental doctrine Jesus established. Enoch walked and talked with God and never died because God took him home to heaven. **Genesis 5:21-24; Hebrews 11:5**

Talking with God is the same as communicating with Him in prayer. The word prayer is an ecclesiastic (church term) that most Christians use as some kind of a religious practice, not understanding that human beings are constantly praying to one another on this earth. I am sure you have heard the phrase, "We've tried everything else, we might as well pray." Lack of communication is one of the major reasons for the breakup of marriages.

Jesus wanted to instill in His disciples that talking to God should be as normal as eating three meals a day. Do you expect God to listen and grant your requests? **Matthew 7:6-11**

One morning Jesus came to a fig tree looking for a snack. There was none available, but there must have been an entity from Satan's kingdom connected to that fig tree, and this is why Jesus reacted the way He did. **Mark 11:12-14**

The disciples found the fig three dried up from the roots when they passed by it the next morning. **verses 20-21**

Jesus used this as an illustration to show we should communicate (pray) at all times. **verses 22-24**

But then Jesus added a qualifier, a disciple would be unable to talk to the Lord and receive an answer to their prayer if they harbored unforgiveness. **verse 25-26**



THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer is a misnomer because it came about when the apostles asked Jesus to teach them how to pray. **Luke 11:2**

These are the points that Jesus gave to his disciples:

- ❖ Personal prayer should be carried out in a private setting. It should be not done in public spaces so everyone can see how pious you are. **Matthew 6:5-6**
- ❖ Do not to use vain repetition when praying. We do not repeat ourselves over and over when conversing with people on earth, so why treat God in such a manner? Our heavenly Father is not deaf and His intelligence surpasses everyone else in the universe. **verse 7-8**
- ❖ The prayer that Jesus modeled consisted of addressing God the Father and blessing His name. **verse 9**

We are to pray for the Kingdom of God to come in power on this earth and that God's agenda will be carried out on earth as it is in heaven. **verse 10**

When it comes to food, we are to pray for our daily ration of food. **verse 11**

We are to seek God's forgiveness and in turn forgive others. **verse 12**

God will never tempt you. **James 1:13-15**

Yet Jesus also said, "Lead us not into temptation." These words can only be understood if we know what happened to Job. The Devil wanted to strike this man but needed God's permission to do so. Satan could not do anything to Job until God granted permission. **Job 1:6-12; 2:1-6**

Christians are therefore to pray that God will deliver us from evil and not allow the Devil to tempt or attack us. **Matthew 6:13**

Then we are to affirm the kingdom of God and His power.

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?