

## Luke 11:1

*Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples."*

Have you ever realized that the disciples never asked Jesus to teach them how to “preach” the gospel, or “teach” the word of God, or “worship” God with the right Psalm, or even how to be a “witness”. They never asked Jesus to teach them how to “heal” the sick or open the eyes of the blind or cast out demons. No, they asked Jesus to teach them how to pray, not “What” to pray, but “How” to pray.

Have you ever wondered why they only asked Jesus to teach them how to pray and not those others things that we seem to put more emphasis on rather than prayer? I think it’s because they watched Jesus and they knew that He prayed every night to the Father (God) and that was why Jesus could teach the people what God had given Him to teach, or heal those who needed healing or cast out demons or feed the hungry. Because as Jesus prayed to the Father, God directed Him each day on what Jesus was to do for the Father’s glory.

We so admire those who are prayer warriors, yet we seem to forget that the only reason they are prayer warriors and we are not is because they pray. I know that sounds like a no duh, but think about it and read that one more time a little slower.

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Prayer warriors simply spend time with God in prayer everyday, which is the same thing we all can do, and if we can all do that, and should be doing it, shouldn’t we all be prayer warriors?

Think of what James said about Elijah.

✠ **James 5:17** *Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months.*

Elijah was just like everyone else, or as the NLT puts it “*Elijah was as human as we are.*” So we are as human as any prayer warrior is. Now I do admit, there are those who are gifted in interceding for others in prayer. But even in battle, there are mighty warriors like King David who was known for killing his ten thousands, but there were also more peasant Freds who only killed a few of the enemies in battle, or who made the swords for battle, or feed the warriors or... In fact if you think about it, in an army of a hundred thousand that Israel had, only .01 percent were named as mighty warriors in the bible, yet the other 99.9 percent still fought the battle. So you may not be a prayer warrior, but it’s still no reason not to be in the spiritual battle in prayer.

So today, not tomorrow, or after dinner tonight, or next week, but right now, stop and ask Jesus, “**Teach me to pray**” and see how He uses you in prayer. After all, they thought David was a lowly shepherd boy, but as we read the Psalms, we read he was a man of prayer, and so you can be as well!

† **John 16:26** *In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you.*

† **James 4:2-3** *You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.*