Prayer

Leon Mauldin · Luke 6:40 · Series: **Becoming More Like Jesus**

INTRODUCTION

- But what God wants to do is not just save us from our past sins. He wants to change us. He wants to mold us. He wants to shape us.
- Everyone, Luke 6 and verse 40 says, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher.
- Jesus is the sinless Son of God. And yet you see him time after time in the scriptures, not just going through the motion, but feeling such a need to pray to the Father.

1 While He Prayed at His Baptism

Luke 3:21–22; Ephesians 1:3

- Jesus also was baptized, and while he prayed, the heaven was open.
- Can you visualize Jesus in the Jordan, still dripping wet? And he's right then praying to the Father.
- But as long as you're outside of Christ, you do not have the privilege of prayer.

2 All Night in Prayer Before Choosing the Apostles

Luke 6:12–16; Joshua 9:14

- He went out to the mountain to pray and continued all night in prayer to God.
- He prayed all night to God, and when it was day, that's when he selects the apostles.
- The inspired writer is making the point, they ask not counsel of the Lord. That's one of the best ways to make a big mistake.
- We don't want to make decisions without taking it to God in prayer. And that way we're being like Jesus.

3 Alone Praying at Caesarea Philippi

Luke 9:18–20; Matthew 16:16–18

- It happened as he was alone praying. That his disciples joined him. And he asks them, saying, Who do the crowds say that I am?
- As we are seeking to teach people who Jesus is, as we are seeking to teach people about his church, his kingdom, it would be well for us to follow the example of Jesus.
- Time in prayer is well invested time. It's never a waste of time.

4 Transfigured as He Prayed

Luke 9:28–35; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Romans 12:1–2

- He took Peter, John, and James, and went on the mountain to pray.
- All this happened as he prayed. The Lord is transfigured as he prayed.

- If we are to have that transformation the Bible requires of us, we must follow the example of Jesus who prayed before the transformation.

5 Lord, Teach Us to Pray

Luke 11:1–4; Matthew 6:9–13

- When he ceased, that one of his disciples said to him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples to pray.
- This model prayer was not given as something just to recite, but look at the kind of thoughts.
- It begins with glorifying God, praying about his kingdom, his will, forgiveness of sins, forgiving others of their sins, delivering us from the evil one is included there.

6 Praying on the Eve of the Cross

Luke 22:32; Luke 22:44; Luke 23:34

- But I have prayed for you that your faith should not fail. And when you have returned to me, strengthen your brethren.
- We need to be praying for one another. We need each other.
- When he was crushed with that burden before him, he took it to the Father in prayer.
- Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **This will be a wonderful time for you to make that good confession. Be baptized into Christ for the remission of every sin. If you strayed from the Lord, like we mentioned about Peter, you need to return.**

MY NOTES