

“SPEED DIAL”
Permission To Speak Freely, Part 3
August 8th, 2010

In Luke 11 Jesus deals with our biggest frustration in prayer – when I ask for something I think is God’s will and don’t get it

Luke 11:1 (NIV) “One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to Him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, ...’”

You can be taught to pray. If haven’t been taught, you might be praying incorrectly
Luke 11:2-4 (NIV) “He said to them, ‘When you pray, say: “Father, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.”’”

The 3 elements of Jesus’ model prayer: 1. Declare God’s greatness; 2. Surrender your will to God; 3. Acknowledge your dependency on God

Luke 11:5-8 (NIV) “Then He said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and he goes to him at midnight and says, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have nothing to set before him.’ “Then the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children are with me in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’ I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man’s boldness he will get up and give him as much as he needs.”

Luke 18:1-5 (NIV) “Then Jesus told His disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. He said: ‘In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared about men. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, “Grant me justice against my adversary.” ‘For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, “Even though I don’t fear God or care about men, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually wear me out with her coming!”’

What’s Jesus teaching – God is not bothered by your persistence and sometimes He’s moved by it. He is actually honored by it.

Your persistent prayer has the potential to move the heart of God

Luke 11:9 (NIV) “So I say to you: ‘Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.’”

There are some things in prayer you don’t let go of until you absolutely have to

Sometimes in persistent prayer God does something in you

Sometimes in persistent prayer we come to realize we are praying for the wrong thing

Sometimes in persistent prayer God will do what you ask - but not on your time schedule

In persistent prayer God always does something

Question: What are you persistent about in your prayers?

If there is nothing in your life that you are so passionately praying for that you refuse to quit, you are missing out on an opportunity to see God do something great in this world & you

We're afraid if we get serious with God in prayer, He is going to deal with some other things in my life – you are Right

When you truly learn to pray as Jesus taught, you'll never be the same

My Next Step Today Is:

- My prayer today, “God, teach me to pray as Jesus taught the disciples to pray.”
- There is something in my life I believe God wants me to continue in persistent prayer about, and I will
- I am interested in being baptized Sunday, Aug 15th at the church’s beach/baptism
- I plan to attend the “Meet the Pastors” meal on Sunday, August 29th at noon