

# “The Prayer Life of Jesus”

Matthew 7:7-12

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Jesus began His earthly ministry praying after His **baptism** (Luke 3:21). Jesus prayed during His earthly **Galilean** ministry (Luke 5:16). Jesus prayed before He **chose** the twelve apostles (Luke 6:12-13). Jesus was praying before Peter made the good **confession** (Luke 9:18-20). Jesus prayed at the **transfiguration** (Luke 9:28-29). Jesus was praying when His disciples asked Him to **teach** them to pray (Luke 11:1). He was always praying.

The Gospels record just over a **dozen** specific prayers by Jesus along with several parables and teachings on the subject. He followed the normal Jewish practice of visiting the synagogue, the “house of prayers,” and of praying at **least three** times a day. Five times in the Gospels it mentions Jesus praying **alone**.

## I. Jesus’ **Method** for Praying:

- A. The most important thing we must do to find out if prayer **really works** is to **pray**.

- B. The next thing is to pray what we are **passionate about**.
- C. To pray **persistently** is essential to effective praying.

## II. Jesus’ **Motive** to Pray:

- A. God wants to answer our prayers. Even more than, we want to pray. The incentive to pray is to understand that God is **good**, and He wants to **bless** us as our **Heavenly Father**.
- B. As a believer, we should have confidence that all our prayers **will be answered**.
- C. Our prayers will have one of the following answers. **No, Grow, Slow, or Go!**

## III. Jesus **Model** for Prayer:

- A. The greatest good you could have done for you is that someone **prays for you**.
- B. To be good to one another **affects** the power of **prayer** more than we may want to admit. (1 Peter 3:7)