

How Important Is Prayer to You? Luke 11:1-13

I. The Occasion of the Parable

- A. Seeing Jesus at prayer made His disciples want to imitate Him (v.1).
- B. The Lord's Prayer is given to us to be a pattern for our thoughts and attitudes (vv.2-4).

II. The Key Emphasis of the Parable

- A. In contrast with the man who did not want to be bothered, God wants His people to pray to Him (vv.5-10).
- B. In contrast with natural fathers who give good gifts to their children, God gives what is best to His children (vv.11-13).

III. The Lessons of the Parable

- A. You must view your daily prayer time as part of your relationship with God, rather than a required ritual (Matthew 6:33).
- B. God's provision comes as an expression of His character (James 1:17).