

**Spiritual Discipline**  
**Lesson 4**  
**Use your Passcode!**  
**“Prayer releases the Treasures of Heaven”**

“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,” (Luke 11:1)

In order to protect crooks from stealing money from your personal account, banks provide you with a passcode. It does not matter how much you have in your account, without the proper passcode, the funds will not be release.

Having a card with a passcode allows you to make transactions at any time you want to no matter where you are today. All you need is a working phone, money in the bank and an active card. When you use your passcode you try to protect your information. You don't let everybody know how to get a hold of your treasure.

Just like there is a passcode that is needed to release earthly treasure, God has given believers a passcode to release heavens treasures. The passcode is called prayer. In order to activate the passcode you must you it. The Apostle James reminds us that untold treasure is not being redrawn from heavens bank account. He says, “You have not because you ask not, when you ask you do not receive because you use the wrong passcode,” (James 4:2-3).

Although Christians know the passcode that releases the treasures of heaven, too many fail to properly use it. Like Jesus disciples, you and I need to learn how to pray effectively. They were wise enough to know they were ill equipped to unlock the treasure chest of heavens blessings, “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,” (Luke 11:1).

**I. The keys to an effective prayer life were taught by Jesus, (Matthew 6: 5-13). “So He said to them, “When you pray, say: He gives ten principles on how to pray effectively.**

**II. The Ten principles Jesus taught should change your prayer life, (Matthew 6:5-13).**

**A. How to have an effective personal prayer life?**

1. Prayer \_\_\_\_\_, (Matthew 6:5). Jesus said, “When you pray” Prayer is what believers do.
  - a. You should pray \_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_, (Psalm 5:3; 55: 17; 88: 1-3; I Thess. 5:17).
  - b. You should make prayer apart of your day **all** day. “Pray without \_\_\_\_\_ and persistently. Follow the “PUSH” principles: Pray until \_\_\_\_\_ happens! Pray while you are reading and meditating on the scripture. Use God’s word to pray back to Him His promises, (I Jn. 5:16-17).
2. Pray \_\_\_\_\_, “Go into your prayer closet and shut the door,” (Matthew 6: 6-7).
  - You can pray \_\_\_\_\_, (I Kings 8: 22; Mark 11: 25)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ down, Psalm 95: 1;
  - \_\_\_\_\_, II Chronicles 6: 13; Psalm 95:6; Luke 22:41; Acts 20:36)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ on your \_\_\_\_\_, (Numbers 16:22; Joshua 5:14; Matthew 26:39)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_, Isaiah 1:15)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ **your** \_\_\_\_\_, (Psalm 28:2). Prayer can be offered with eyes opened or closed.
3. Pray \_\_\_\_\_, Do not use vain repetition as the hypocrites, (Matthew 6:7). Avoid babbling!

4. Pray \_\_\_\_\_, “For you know your heavenly father knows what you have need of before you ask,”( Matthew 6:8). Remember that without faith it is impossible to please God, (Heb. 6:11)
  
5. Pray \_\_\_\_\_, “When you pray say, Our Father which is in heaven \_\_\_\_\_ be your \_\_\_\_\_ name,” ( Matthew 6:9). You must enter into God’s presence respectfully. His name is holy.
  
6. Pray \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_. **“Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven”** ( Matthew 6:10).
  
7. Pray \_\_\_\_\_, **“Give this us this day our daily bread.” This includes all of your daily needs,** (Matthew 6:11).
  
8. Pray \_\_\_\_\_, Forgive us our trespasses, (Matthew 6: 12).
  
9. Pray \_\_\_\_\_, “Lead us not into temptation,” Keep us from be overtaken by temptation, (Matthew 6:13a)
  
10. Pray \_\_\_\_\_, “the kingdom is your forever. Amen!”

**You must apply the principles.  
Start today!**

## **"I Asked"**

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## **"He Answered"**

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