



TEACH US TO

PRAY

A black silhouette of a person kneeling in prayer, positioned in front of the large word 'PRAY'. The person is facing left, with their hands clasped in front of their chest. The background is a textured, golden-brown surface.



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They said to him, “John’s disciples often fast and pray, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees, but yours go on eating and drinking.”

to Pray



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The disciples were all of Jewish background

**That means prayer was already
a part of their life**

But notice the request, "as John taught his disciples"

**The disciples were obviously looking for
something more than a ritual**

**They saw something in John's disciples that made a
difference and they wanted in on the action**

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Teach: Show or explain to (someone) how to do something

**Teaching requires two people,
a teacher and a student**

You can be a great teacher but if nobody wants to learn you can't teach them

You can be great student but if nobody wants to instruct you, you can't learn

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The Teacher

There are two ways to "teach"

You can demonstrate

You can explain (Lecture)

The Student -- Also must have two things

The ability to learn

The desire to learn

Value

Useful

Learn the information

Practice the skill

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How Important is Prayer?

The correct "church" answer is **VERY Important: of great significance or value; likely to have a profound effect on success, survival, or well-being**

Significance

Value

Do you really see prayer as time well spent because of its effect on your; Success, Survival, and Well-Being

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**Since Prayer is so tied to
fasting (food) try this test,
What do you miss more,
a meal or a time of prayer?**

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Demonstrating the Importance of Prayer



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Important to Jesus?

Often (Luke 5:16)

Lengthy (Luke 6:12)

Instructed (Luke 18:1)

He Prayed in Private (Mark 1:35)

He Prayed in Public (John 17:20)

He Prayed for Spiritual (Matthew 19:13)

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Important to the Apostles and the early church?

**The request to be taught prayer is the
only specific lesson requested by the Apostles**

Right off the bat (Acts 1:14) Still Going (Acts 2:42)

They Praised in Prayer (Acts 4:23-24)

Prayer was the Priority over Ministry (Acts 6:3-4)

This is Serious (Acts 7:59)

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Out of 28 chapters in the book of Acts, only 8 don't mention the church praying directly

and of the 8, 4 of those hint at the idea of the church praying

Out of 28 only 4 had no hint of prayer

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How Important is Prayer to Us? (Acts 12:3-5)



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What Should the Church Do?

- a. Sit around and complain about how unfair the world is
- b. Preach a really strong sermon letting everybody knows it was wrong
- c. Create a petition, sign our names to it and send it to our congressman or local official
- d. Stage a protest
- e. Send Money
- f. Buy a T-Shirt or a bumper sticker so all the world knows I don't approve
- g. Gather together as a body and pray for the situation



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**When did
the correct answer
stop being
the correct answer?**

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**Could it be that after
all this time we don't
choose prayer because
we have not been taught
how **IMPROTANT** it is**

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**Well now you know!
The question is,
What are we going
to do about it?**

to Pray





Prayer Challenge
Take it to the Well!