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TEACH US TO PRAY · WEEK 3

The Greatest Gift

The Holy Spirit · Luke 11:9–13 · NLT

Luke 11:9–10 (NLT)--*And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.*

Luke 11:11–13 (NLT)--*You fathers — if your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead? 12 Or if they ask for an egg, do you give them a scorpion? Of course not! 13 So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.*

Point I — The Promise · Luke 11:9–12

We are called to be participants, not bystanders.

Point II — The Gift

The greatest gift is a Person. The Holy Spirit. God Himself, dwelling inside of you.

Joel 2:28–29 (NLT)--Then, after doing all those things, I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your old men will

dream dreams, and your young men will see visions. 29 In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on servants — men and women alike.

Acts 1:4–5, 8 (NLT)--"Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. [5] John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."…[8] But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

> **Jesus did for us what we could never do for ourselves by way of the cross.**

Point III — The Purpose & Provision

1. Comforter — John 14:26,[26] But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.

> 2. Intercessor – Romans 8:26 But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. [27] And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will.
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> 3. Fruit-producer — Galatians 5 describes the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.
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> 4. Mission-giver — Acts 1:8. You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses.

5. Love depositor— **Romans 5:5 (NLT)**

And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

The Holy Spirit takes ordinary people and does extraordinary things through them — not because of their strength, but because of His.

You don't just need prayer to get things from God. You need prayer because prayer draws you into God Himself.

The gift is the Holy Spirit — God with you, God in you, God for you, forever.

Romans 8:11-- [11] The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.