INTRODUCTION: Today Jesus is going to give us a refresher course on the most important ingredient in our relationship with God.

I. Lesson #1: Prayer Is Essential To Our Spiritual Life (Luke 11:1)

Luke 11:1 “And it came about that while He was praying in a certain place, after He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray just as John also taught his disciples.’”

II. Lesson #2: We Should Pray As Christ Instructed Us (Luke 11:2-4)

Luke 11:2-4 “2 And He said to them, ‘When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. 3 Give us each day our daily bread. 4 And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.’”

A. Prayer Is Based on Our Relationship with God

Galatians 4:6 “And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, ‘Abba! Father!’”

B. Prayer is Conditioned by the Will of God

1 John 5:14 “And this is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.”
C. Prayer Includes Our Requests to God

Deuteronomy 8:18  “But you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth, that He may confirm His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.”

III. Lesson #3: God Rewards Boldness in Praying (Luke 11:5-10)

A. A Summary of the Example (Luke 11:5-8)

Luke 11:5-8  “5 And He said to them, ‘Suppose one of you shall have a friend and shall go to him at midnight, and say to him, “Friend, lend me three loaves; 6 for a friend of mine has come to me from a journey and I have nothing to set before him”; 7 and from inside he shall answer and say, “Do not bother me; the door has already been shut and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.” 8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will get up and give him as much as he needs.’”

B. The Application of the Example (Luke 11:9-10)

Luke 11:9-10  “9 And I say to you, ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, it shall be opened.”

IV. Lesson #4: God’s Reputation And God’s Love Are His Motivation For Answering Our Prayers (Luke 11:11-13)

Luke 11:11-13  “11 Now suppose one of you fathers is asked by his son for a fish; he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he? 12 Or if he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he? 13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?”

Conclusion