



JESUS

LIONMAN *of* JUDAH

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PART 38: **THE APPLAUSE OF HEAVEN**

Sermon on the Mount: **PART 5**

Matthew 6:1-18

PRINCIPLES FOR GIVING

The motivation of the **HEART** is most important. (v. 1)

How *not* to give... (v. 2)

How to give... (v. 3-4)

PRINCIPLES FOR PRAYING

The motivation of the heart is most important. (v. 5)

Prayer needs to be **PRIVATE**. (v. 6)

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Worship and <u>ADORATION</u>	<i>Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.</i> (6:9)
Submission and <u>SURRENDER</u>	<i>Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.</i> (6:10)
Petition and <u>INTERCESSION</u>	<i>Give us this day our daily bread.</i> (6:11)
<u>CONFESSION</u>	<i>And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.</i> (6:12)
<u>DELIVERANCE</u>	<i>And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.</i> (6:13)

PRINCIPLES FOR FASTING

The motivation of the **HEART** is most important. (v. 16)

How *not* to fast... (v. 17-18)

APPLYING THE TRUTH

1:10 COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK



Open Your Group in Prayer. Use the Prayer Guide on the next page for Suggestions.

Read Matthew 6:1-18.

1. Do you give, pray, and fast? Why or why not? What do you need to change regarding my giving, praying, and fasting?
2. Why does Jesus connect giving, praying, and fasting together?
3. **Read Luke 11:1-4** This is the only time recorded in the Gospels that Jesus' disciples ask him to teach them how to do something. What does this tell you about the importance of prayer in Jesus' life? What does it tell you about how important it should be in our lives?
4. The very first reference to prayer in Jesus' life appears at the beginning of His ministry. What does the Bible say happened "as he was praying" in **Luke 3:21-23**?
5. What does **Luke 5:16** indicate about the habits of Jesus?
6. Often when the disciples couldn't find Jesus he was away praying. **Read Mark 1:35** and pay attention to the context, how much sleep did Jesus get after a busy night? Where did the disciples find Jesus?
7. On one occasion Judas tried to find Jesus. How did he know where to find him? **Read Luke 22:39-47 and John 18:1-2**. What does this tell you of Jesus' patterns?
8. **Psalm 5:3** speaks beautifully about the value of setting aside time to meet with the Lord daily. What does this verse tell us we should do? What does it suggest God does in response?
9. Do those closest to you know that you "often withdraw to lonely places to pray"? How can your life be adjusted so that your commitment to prayer better imitates Jesus?
10. According to **Psalm 5:7-8, 11-12**, what are the consequences of a daily dialogue with the Lord?
11. What would it look like in your life if, like Jesus, you were to make it a priority to slip away often to pray? Try to describe it in practical terms.

Parts of this week's study is taken from Dann Spader, Walking as Jesus Walked: Making Disciples the Way Jesus Did (Chicago, IL: Moody Publishers, 2011).

Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them 1:10 Community Groups (the "1:10" comes from Colossians 1:10). The questions here are based on the sermon each week, and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a 1:10 Group, let us know on the Connect Card in your bulletin.

PRAYER GUIDE

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 16, 2014

*During your prayer time this week, let's all be praying together about the following items.
Use the space at the bottom to record your personal prayer items, or requests from your 1:10 Group.*

NOTE: *Due to the sensitive nature of some items on the Prayer Guide, we do not publish it online. Email the church office to sign up for the email prayer list: office@wawaseebible.com*
