

# DIVINE PROMPTINGS

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**Text:** Matthew 6:9-24 - Part of Sermon on the Mount

Lord's  
Prayer

*"After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. 10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen. 14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: 15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. 16 Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. 17 But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; 18 That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly. 19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: 20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: 21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 22 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. 23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness! 24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." (Matthew 6:9-24)*

Fasting

Treasures

Masters

## INTRODUCTION

- a) Moving of God's Spirit within
- b) Holy Spirit guides Christian
- c) Holy Spirit brings Word of God to forefront of memory

"Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also." (2 Corinthians 8:7)

## 1. Relationship (v. 8-9) as God's children

"We love him, because he first loved us." (1 John 4:19)

### A. A fatherly Relationship (v. 8-9) - Heavenly Father

"Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him. 9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name." (Matthew 6:8-9)

#### THE FATHER'S KNOWLEDGE

"for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him." (Matthew 6:8b)

"Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? 31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things." (Matthew 6:30-32)

God cover  
the earth  
with food  
for all

#### THE FATHER'S KINDNESS

"After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name." (Matthew 6:9)

Our  
Father

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: 8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. 9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? 10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? 11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?" (Matthew 7:7-11)

Ask...  
given  
seek...  
find  
Knock...  
opened

### B. A reciprocal Relationship (v. 19-21)

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: 20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: 21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Matthew 6:19-21)

- Satan is opposed to God in all ways  
\* Either/Or - Either serve God willingly - or Satan by default

GOD GIVES US OUR DAILY BREAD  
WE HONOR GOD WITH OUR GIVING  
OUR HEART IS ESTABLISHED

**Quote:** "Where there is no interest, there is no investment."

*"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. 2 Set your affection on things above and not on things on earth."  
(Colossians 3:1-2)*

**Quote:** "Material possessions tend to focus one's thoughts and interests on the world only. Wealth gradually enslaves those who are attached to it and perverts their values. The more we have, the easier it is to be possessed by our possessions, comforts, and recreations."

—Kent Hughes

**Quote:** "Money can quickly become an end in itself rather than a means to godly ends."—Gene Getz

*"No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."  
(Matthew 6:24)*

Love  
of  
money

## 2. Lordship

*"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."  
(Romans 10:9)*

### A. He is Over all

*"And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation: 35 And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?"  
(Daniel 4:34-35)*

*"The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. 2 For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods. 3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place?"  
(Psalm 24:1-3)*

Give  
100% to  
God...  
not with  
half  
heart

God  
Creator

Earth &  
universe  
owned by  
Lord God



# God giver of all good gifts

## B. He Bestows All blessings

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." (James 1:17) God in heaven

## 3. Ownership - God owns 100%

### A. The expanse of His Ownership

"For the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof;"  
(1 Corinthians 10:26)

"The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." (Psalm 24:1)

"For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. 11 I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine. 12 If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof."  
(Psalm 50:10-12)

humans  
are only  
tenants  
- or -  
squatters

### B. The understanding of Ownership

THE WIDOW - very poor woman

Response 1 "And he looked up, and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury. 2 And he saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites. 3 And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all: 4 For all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God: but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had."  
(Luke 21:1-4)

Widow's  
wealth...  
2 pennies

THE LAD - probably teenager

Response 2 "One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him, 9 There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?" (John 6:8-9)

one  
small  
lunch

## 4. Stewardship (2 Corinthians 8)

**Quote:** "A steward is a trustee of God's goods, he shows, and must see that his property truthfully represents God, and works the will of God. The trustee of God's goods will think more of God than of goods."

### A. The participation of a Steward

WILLING

- very poor Christians in churches in Macedonia  
\* God saw their willing minds  
\* God saw their open, giving hands

"For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves;" (2 Corinthians 8:3)

"For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not. 13 For I mean not that other men be eased, and ye burdened:" (2 Corinthians 8:12-13)

#### THOUGHTFUL

Paul encourages churches at Corinth to give

"And herein I give my advice: for this is expedient for you, who have begun before, not only to do, but also to be forward a year ago. 11 Now therefore perform the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have." (2 Corinthians 8:10-11)

"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Heb 13:15 sacrifice of praise

"Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. 2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." (1 Corinthians 4:1-2)

"What shall I render unto the LORD for all his benefits towards me?" (Psalm 116:12)

"I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD. I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people," (Psalm 116:17-18)

#### B. The practice of a Steward

TITHING - 10% of increase (earnings)

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be meat in mine house, And prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, If I will not open you the windows of heaven, And pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." (Malachi 3:10)

Sunday is meeting day

"Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." (1 Corinthians 16:2)

#### OFFERINGS -

- free will over & above of 10% tithe

*"Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren, that they would go before unto you, and make up beforehand your bounty, whereof ye had notice before, that the same might be ready, as a matter of bounty, and not as of covetousness. 6 But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. 7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. "*  
(2 Corinthians 9:5-7)

C. The provision of the Steward

*"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."* (Luke 6:38)

Keep a  
full  
account  
for God

## CONCLUSION

*"Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." (2 Corinthians 9:15)*

**Quote:** "Money will buy a bed but not sleep; books but not brains; food but not appetite; finery but not beauty; a house but not a home; medicine but not health; luxuries but not culture; amusements but not happiness; religion but not salvation – a passport to everywhere but not heaven."