

Steve Greenberg's Handout, Sunday 8:30 & 10, January 25, 2026  
Week 26 Jan 25.26: Luke 10:38-11:23 Disciples Prayer, Be Persistent

Luke 10:38-42 Mary and Martha Worship and Serve

Luk 10:38 Now it happened as they went (**disciples were traveling**) that He(**Jesus**) entered a certain village (**called Bethany**); and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house.

Jhn 11:1 Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha.

Jhn 12:1 Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He(**Jesus**) had raised from the dead.

Jhn 12:2 There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him.

Jhn 12:3 Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil.

Luk 10:39 And she(**Martha**) had a sister called Mary, "who also sat" at Jesus' feet and heard His word (**listened carefully to Jesus while teaching**).

**Jesus encouraged women to study the Scriptures**

Luk 10:40 But Martha was distracted (**got very busy, overwhelmed**) with much serving (**preparations & serving responsibilities**), and she approached Him(**Jesus**) and said, "Lord, do You not care (**it is unfair, I am doing all the work**) that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me (**tell her to do her part**)."

**Quote from David Guzik on Blue Letter Bible**

Martha did nothing wrong in working hard for Jesus — that was good. Her problem was that she became "**distracted**" **with much serving**. She was distracted from Jesus.

i. There are many people who become crabby and irritable in their service for the Lord like Martha was. It is easy to look at all we do and to criticize those who don't seem to do as much. But Martha's real problem wasn't Mary; it was Martha. She had become distracted and had taken her eyes off Jesus (**and His rest that He provides, Mat 11:28-30**).

Luk 10:41 And Jesus answered and said to her, "**Martha, Martha, you are worried (anxious) and troubled (bothered) about many things.**"

Say a prayer before you speak

Phl 4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

**Luk 10:42 "But one thing is needed (to be concerned about), and Mary has chosen that good part (the best part), which will not be taken away from her."**

**Psa 27:3 (A Psalm of David) Though an army may encamp against me, My heart shall not fear; Though war may rise against me, In this I will be confident.**

**Psa 27:4 One thing I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple.**

**Psa 27:5 For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock.**

**Phl 3:13 Brethren, I(Paul) do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,**

**Phl 3:14 I(Paul) press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.**

**Phl 3:15 Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you.**

**Phl 3:16 Nevertheless, to the degree that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind.**

### **Luke 11:1-4 The Model Prayer (Earlier similar prayer Mat 6:9–15) The Disciples Prayer**

**Luk 11:1 Now it came to pass, as He(Jesus) was praying in a certain place, when He ceased (stopped, ended), that one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples."**

**Teach us how to pray like we see you pray**

**Jesus was a man of prayer**

**Jesus showed His relationship with God the Father in and through prayer**

**This prayer is notable for its simplicity, being precise and short. Be careful of long wordy prayers.**

**Application: one of our greatest needs is simply to pray more and more.**

**Phl 4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;**

**Col 4:2 Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;**

**1Th 5:17 pray without ceasing,**

**Eph 6:18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints--**

**Luk 11:2 So He(Jesus) said to them(His disciples), "**When you pray (as an example, or pattern), say: Our (every believer) Father (not used in prayer previously) in heaven,****

**Hallowed be Your name** (set apart, keep and be honored as holy, with reverence). **Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven** (A plea for God's kingdom to be inaugurated on earth, the day when Jesus returns and brings the kingdom in perfect fullness).

Jesus called God "Father" in almost every recorded prayer. By telling His disciples to say "Father," He was inviting them into His own unique relationship with God. Jesus was introducing an intimate way for every believer to use Father (Abba) when talking to God.

A similar prayer, Jesus prayed earlier in His ministry

Mat 6:9 "In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

Mat 6:10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.

Mat 6:11 Give us this day our daily bread.

Mat 6:12 And forgive us our debts (our sins), As we forgive our debtors.

Mat 6:13 And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Luk 11:3 **Give us day by day our daily bread** (Give us each day our food, physical needs, which God will supply every day.).

Luk 11:4 **And forgive us our sins** (Forgive us our sins and being indebted refers not to initial salvation but to the continual confession of sins (1John 1:9) as needed to maintain our close relationship with God), **For we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us** (we must forgive those who offended and wronged us). **And do not lead us into temptation** (keep us from yielding and sinning against you), **But deliver (or rescue) us from the evil one."**

Mat 6:12 And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.

Eph 4:32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

**And do not lead us into temptation**

(I.e. lead us away from situations where we are vulnerable and have the opportunity to sin. God does not tempt man (see James 1:13) but does allow man to be tested).

Jas 1:12 Blessed is the man (or women) who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

Jas 1:13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "**I am tempted by God**"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does **He Himself tempt anyone (to sin)**.

Jas 1:14 But each one is tempted when he (or she) is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.

**Warnings: Stay away from what Gods Word says to stay away from. Never boast in your own strength and steal Gods glory.**

**1Cor 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.**

**Gal 6:1 Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.**

**Heb 4:15 For we do not have a High Priest (Jesus Christ) who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. 1Pet 2:22 (Jesus Christ)"Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth (He never deceived anyone)";**

**Luke 11:5-8 A Friend Comes at Midnight (Very Late), Parable (or Fictional Illustration Story) of the Persistent Friend)**

**Luk 11:5 And He(Jesus) said to them, "Which of you shall have a friend, and go to him (your friend) at midnight (very late) and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves (of bread);**

**Luk 11:6 'for a friend of mine has come to me on his journey (visiting me), and I have nothing (no food) to set before him'(to eat);**

**In Jesus day, having nothing to set before a guest who visited was not acceptable, they were to take care of their guest.**

**Luk 11:7 "and he (your friend) will answer from within and say, 'Do not trouble me (or do not bother me); the door is now shut (locked), and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise (get up at this late hour) and give to you (get you anything)?**

**Luk 11:8 "I say to you, though he (your friend) will not rise and give to him (you) because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence (he keeps knocking) he will rise and give him as many as he needs.**

**Application: We as believers should go boldly before God with any need, for God is more merciful and caring much more than any human (Heb 4:16)**

**Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**

**Luke 11:9-13 Keep Asking, Seeking, Knocking (Mat 7:7–11) Parable of the Good Father**

**Luk 11:9 "So I say to you, ask (keep asking in prayer), and it will be given to you; seek (keep seeking), and you will find; knock (keep knocking), and it (the door) will be opened to you.**

The Greek uses present imperatives (asking, seeking, knocking) to emphasize persistent constant prayer.

**Luk 11:10 "For everyone who asks (keep asking persistently) receives, and he who seeks (keeps seeking persistently) finds, and to him who knocks (keeps knocking persistently) it (the door) will be opened.**

As we pray and ask things may be prayers be in line with God's plans, they will be answered and opened to us

**Luk 11:11 "If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? (No), Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent (snake) instead of a fish? (No)**

**Luk 11:12 "Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? (No, of course not!)**

Common foods bread, fish, eggs at that time and common dangers stones, snakes and scorpions.

**Luk 11:13 "If you then, being evil (being a sinner, saved by grace), know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask (and keep asking) Him!"**

**Luke 11:14-23 A House Divided Cannot Stand (Mat 12:22–30; Mark 3:22–27) His Power Not from Satan**

**Luk 11:14 And He(Jesus) was casting out a demon, and it was mute (the demon was controlling the man so he could not speak). So it was, when the demon had gone out, that the mute (man) spoke; and the multitudes marveled (they were amazed, struck with extraordinary wonder, mouth-dropping, speechless moment).**

The multitudes weren't just surprised; they were shocked because they had witnessed three miracles at once: a demon cast out, a man's muteness (speech) healed, and (Mat 12:22 adds) his blindness restored.

**Parallel gospel passage from Matthews adds he was blind**

Mat 12:22 Then one was brought to Him who was demon-possessed, blind and mute; and He healed him, so that the blind and mute man both spoke and saw.

Mat 12:23 And all the multitudes were amazed and said, "Could this be the Son of David?"

Mat 12:24 Now when the Pharisees heard it they said, "This fellow does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons."

**Luk 11:15** But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebub (the power of Satan) (also 11:18, 19), the ruler (or prince) of the demons (or Beelzebub means "master of the house" and refers to Satan, a deity worshiped in the Philistine city of Ekron: Baal Zebul, lord of the high places, also Baal Zebub, lord of the flies).

The religious leaders could not deny the reality of the miracles Jesus did, so they attributed his miracles, powers to Satan.

**Luk 11:16** Others, testing Him (trying to catch Jesus doing something against their understanding of the law or tradition so they can accuse Him), sought (or demanding) from Him a sign (miraculous sign) from heaven (to prove or validate his authority).

**Luk 11:17** But He(Jesus), knowing (or realizing) their thoughts (by HS), said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation (will itself be destroyed, laid waste), and a house divided against a house, falls (will fall apart).

**Luk 11:18** "If Satan also, is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand (survive)? Because you say (or claim), I cast out demons by Beelzebub (the power of Beelzebub).

**Luk 11:19** "And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons (your followers, Jewish exorcists) cast them out? Therefore (for this reason) they will be your judges (they will condemn you for what you have said).

**Luk 11:20** "But if I cast out demons with the finger (power) of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you (already in the person and ministry of Jesus Christ).

**Luk 11:21** "When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace (his possessions are safe, undisturbed and secure).

**Luk 11:22** "But when a stronger (man) than he comes upon him and overcomes (attacks and overpowers) him, he takes from him, all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoils (his goods, belongings, as distributes them as he desires).

Jesus has overcome the strong man by being stronger

**Luk 11:23** "He who is not with Me (believing in Me as Lord and Savior) is against Me (those who do not believe in me, and there is no neutral ground), and he who does not gather (assist, participate in ministry) with Me, scatters (from me).

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