

## The Power of a Praying Man

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**Intro:** Any male can be a father biologically, but it take a man of conviction to be a dad! In an age of throw away families what we need are more *dads*. More than that we need godly, *praying* dads.

1 Tim 2:8 *"I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting;"*

To see a picture of what our attitude and heart should be in regards to prayer, we need to look no further than Jesus' example from Matthew 6:

Matthew 6:9-13 *"In this manner, therefore, pray: our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. 10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done on 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 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.*

What kind of man is a Praying Man?

### 1. A Praying Man Has a *Relationship* with His Creator

Vs. 9 *"Our Father in heaven..."*

- Gal. 4:6; Heb. 4:16

### 2. A Praying Man Acknowledges God's Holiness

Vs. 9 *"Hallowed be Your name..."*

- 1 Peter 1:15 - *Because He is holy, our new natural instinct is to be holy too!*

### 3. A Praying Man Desires to Be About God's Business

Vs. 10 *"Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."*

- Read Col. 3:25
- You see that life is more than just living, making a buck, and then leaving it behind
- You want God's will to be done in your life, your family
- You live, work and breathe for His purposes

#### 4. A Praying Man Daily Seeks the Lord

Vs. 11 *“Give us this day our daily bread.”*

#### 5. A Praying Man is Patient and Forgiving

Vs. 12 *“And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.”*

These two statements are linked tightly together. Why are we patient and forgiving? Because we have a Father in heaven who is patient and forgiving to us.

#### 6. A Praying Man Acknowledges the Spiritual Battle

Vs. 13 *“And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.”*

- 1 Peter 5:8 *“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.”*
- Dads, we have to acknowledge this spiritual battle
- Then we need to take our role as protector and leaders in our homes
- Pray for them

#### Questions:

1. In what ways, if any, could you see that your dad, whether present today or not, was a picture of our Heavenly Father? In what ways do you desire to be a picture of the Heavenly Father to *your* kids?
2. How are we “holy,” and why should we strive for holiness in our day-to-day lives?
3. In what ways does our adversary “devour” people? Are you as aware as you should be to the dangers he presents?

**Prayer:** *“Father, thank you that You opened up the door for us to come boldly before the throne of grace! Thank you that because of Jesus, we are made worthy to call you Father. Help me to be a praying man/woman and to use the power of prayer in my daily life. I pray this in Jesus’ name, amen!”*