

A PRAYER I NEED

"Lord, I Thank You."

Matthew 11:25

You must pray in your own life so that God can build the character you need to reach into someone else's life.



A Few Thoughts

- When we pray, we talk to the Lord; we don't see Him.
- When the disciples prayed, they talked to the Lord; they saw Him.
- Prayer is communicating with Jesus - connecting our hearts with His.

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1. Who said, "I thank You, Lord of heaven & earth". _____
 2. Look at Matthew 11:25. What word did I leave out? _____ (Hold that thought.)
 - There are three verses in Matthew where someone is thanking God. (11:25; 15:36; 26:27). In all three cases, the person is Jesus. No other person in the whole book is recorded thanking God.
 3. Can you explain that? _____
 - Does that mean "no person in those three years" ever thanked God for anything; of course not. It just means that Matthew never wrote any down.
 - Mark & John only wrote down Jesus' prayers; Luke recorded two other people praying.

Luke's Input.

4. Who thanked God in Luke 2:38? _____
5. Who thanked God in Luke 17:16? _____
6. Why did these people thank the Lord at this moment in their lives?
 - a. (Luke 2:38) - ___God did something for her. ___God kept a promise.
 - b. (Luke 17:16)- ___God did something for him. ___God kept a promise.
7. Look at the prayer by Paul in Acts 28:15. ___Is it practiced? ___Is it automatic?

Matthew's Input

8. In the entire gospel, who is the main character being written about? _____
9. When Jesus prayed, what was He teaching the disciples? _____
10. Since Jesus & His Father are the same God, why would Jesus thank His Father; that would be like thanking yourself? _____

Bottom Line

11. ___Yes ___N If you loved Jesus, couldn't you "thank Him" for no immediate reason?
12. What kind of habit should you and I develop in our lives? _____
13. What good comes out of thanking God? (Acts 28:15) _____