

## **A PRAYER I NEED**

"Lord, If You Wish, let us ....."

Matthew 17:4

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 <u>disciples</u> prayed, they talked to the Lord; they saw Him.
- Prayer is communicating with Jesus connecting our hearts with His.
- 1. Our lives often get out of balance; how did Peter get out of balance in Matthew 17:4?

## Allow God to Keep you Balanced

- 2. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No There is no doubt that God is pleased with our honesty. (Prov. 11:1)
- 3. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No God's will for you includes good, mature, acceptable attitudes. (Rom. 12:2)
- 4. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No God is honored when you avoid the errors happening around you. (2 Pet. 3:17)
- 5. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No Let God's righteous character add new character to you. (Matt. 6:33)
- 6. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No Allow your mind to be controlled by true & honorable things. (Phil. 4:8)
- 7. \_\_Yes \_\_No Use your time wisely = Use your time God's way. (Eph. 5:15)
- A tire out of balance on a car causes: uneven wear on the tire, poor stability & handling, damage to the entire suspension system, increased road noise, etc.
- People not familiar with tire-damage symptoms will just get used to it.
- 8. Are you willing to tell these prayers to God?
  - a. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No Lord, my lack of honesty is making me an imbalanced person. Help me.
  - b. \_\_Yes \_\_No Lord, my attitudes are not mature & healthy. Help me.
  - c. \_\_Yes \_\_No Lord, or whoever you are, the way I live my life is my business.
  - d. \_\_Yes \_\_No Lord, when my friends act out, I can't resist following them. Help me.
  - e. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No Lord, telling myself I am <u>not</u> out of balance is a big lie.

## f. The correct balance in life is determined by \_\_God \_\_Society \_\_My Conscience

- 9. Don't let the balance God prefers slip & be ignored.
  - a. What damage can it do? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. What must you do about it? \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. What is the benefit of a balanced Christian life?