

## Lord, Teach Me

As God's children, we are called to change from a self-centered, worldly person into a God-loving, God serving spiritual person. We look at things from a totally different perspective. I realize that many of the sermons I preach and articles I write are about this very important subject, but I feel it is needed and something of which we have to be constantly reminded.

Our new life is to be a life of love. Love for God as shown to others by our love for them. Jesus, when asked the most important part of the Law was, answered in **Matthew 22:37-40**:

**“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”**

Love God, love your neighbor (whether friend or enemy). All of God's will for us in our lives is summed up in these words.

Our new life is to be a life filled with prayer. Jesus prayed to His Father in Gethsemane for strength to face the fate He knew He had to go through. He taught us in **Matthew 6** of the importance of praying to God, and Paul taught us in **Philippians 4:6-7**:

**“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”**

Live a life of praise for our Creator and thanks for what He has done and can do. If you do that, you can live at peace, knowing God is in control.

Our new life is to be one in which we seek to know God and His Son as well as we can. The only way to live a life that is pleasing to God is to **“find out what pleases”** Him. (**Ephesians 5:10**) Paul said his goal in life was to **“know Christ”** (**Philippians 3:10**) He was just following Jesus' command in **Matthew 5:6** , when He said, **“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.”**

A number of years ago, I sat down and wrote something that I thought included all of these main points. I believed that this is truly what I want in my life, the new life that I live in Christ. Maybe you can relate:

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Lord, teach me to pray.  
Help me know just what I can say  
To praise You, thank You, ask for Your blessings;  
Lord, teach me to pray.

Lord, teach me to love  
With love like that which comes from above.  
To love You first, love others as you do;  
Lord, teach me to love.

Lord, teach me to know  
You, the One from whom all blessings flow.  
To know your Son, my Lord and Redeemer;  
Lord, teach me to know.

Lord, teach me to live  
My life for You, my all to give.  
To serve You, love You, know You completely;  
Lord, teach me to live.

---Johnny Stephens  
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