



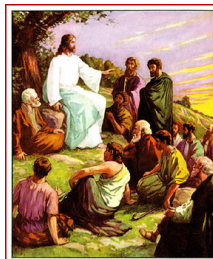
Welcome to Unity's Interactive Worship Service

Today's Topic: Your Order, Please

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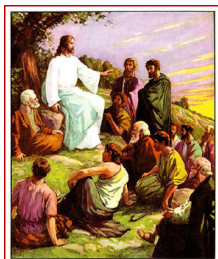
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“And when you pray, do not babble on like pagans, for they think that by their many words they will be heard.... for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him. So then, this is how you should pray: ‘Our Father...’.”
Matthew 6:8

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“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.” Matthew 7:7-12

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Toward the end of the Sermon on the Mount Jesus was pretty much telling the people that God is there to supply them with what they need, but they had to give God their order. Action on their part was essential if they were to see any kind of manifestation in their lives. And for Jesus, prayer was how you placed your order with God.

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If Jesus were to appear today and give another sermon, what would it look like? How would he state the key points for placing your order with God? Maybe something like this:

1. All things created starts with a desire. It is the first movement of any prayer.
2. That once we make a decision we open the flood gates for the universe to send us the help we need to make our prayers powerful.

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3. However, decision without action does not produce growth. We must ask, or place our order with the creative power of the universe. As Jesus taught: Ask, seek, and knock are three actions steps necessary for any kind of demonstration and manifestation.

4. Love makes the world go round. God's unconditional love keeps it spinning in perfect harmony...

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4.... For love is the highest of all spiritual laws and will help us attract what we require to operate from the highest level of consciousness for the highest and best of all concerned.

5. Faith is that part of the law that says, “Be it done unto you as you believe.” Faith is the substance of things hoped for. It is in this realm of activity that we can measure our prayer power.

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5. It is here that we can discover where our faith is operating from: Is the faith we hold for our selves based on love and trust in God, and others from a positive mindset, or is it mixed with many falsehoods attached to negative mindsets that say, “You can trust this, but not that; You can trust her, but not him; or I can’t trust myself to do the right thing or make the right decision; or I can trust God with this, but not with that.” The list can go on.

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6. We have heard that faith without works is dead. We are constantly putting our faith to work for us. Take a moment and think of one thing that you have complete faith in. Got the picture in your mind? What activities, demonstrations, and experiences have you had that corresponds with the manifestation of the faith that you hold? Are they congruent with your personal “statement of faith?” If not, why not?

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Putting our faith to work in our prayer life takes on the trinity of action known as: thoughts, words, and listening, as we place our order with God.

1. Thoughts: It has been said that “as a man thinks in his heart so is he.” The power of thought is part of our ability to co-create with God. That’s an awesome responsibility when you think about

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Everything we have experienced as a species is due largely in part to our ability to think, process, and create on a physical plane.

Thoughts being energy are both negative and positive and when released they will seek out their own and attach themselves to each other thus creating a moments that are amazing and powerful or negative and damaging. The choice is ours.

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2. Words are energy. Starting as a thought, they are spoken and released back from which the came—the great sea of race consciousness. The beauty of this activity has been know to all great spiritual teachers since the beginning time.

As Jesus remarked that every man’s word shall be returned, as recorded y the writer of Matthew 12:36-37 *I tell you, on the day of judgment men will render account for every careless word they utter;....*

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.... for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

How many times have we wished that we could take something back that we had said. Can't do it...and that experience in and of itself shows us just how powerful our words can be.

Every desire, decision, request, demonstration of love, faith, and work is linked to our ability to form and shape thoughts into words.

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3. The ability to listen. Listening is a form of accepting and this step must be taken before accepting.

"Be still and know that I am God." isn't just a nice platitude. Our ability to listen says to the universe that we want to know the Lord of our Being, that we want to hear what God has to say in our heart of hearts.

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Entering the silence allows us to hear what needs to be revealed so that we may be given the information, the guidance, the direction we should have so that we can heal and mend those things that need our attention.

All forms of prayer need that "quiet time" to just sit and be. There isn't any set time limit as Spirit is timeless. *From God's mouth to my inner ear I receive the good that I need right now, right here.*

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Many have tried putting these three things into practice and many have found results. One of the questions asked is, "How can I tell it is God speaking and not the adversarial ego at work?" Answer these questions to find out:

"Does the answer fit the criteria of unconditional love for yourself and others?"

"Is it based on the highest and best for all concerned regardless of what the appearances are telling you?"

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"Do you feel positive, refreshed, and renewed by the answer?"

If you can answer yes to these three questions, chances are you're on the right track for your placing your order with God.

And remember: God knows that life is an ongoing process, it will never end, for life is of God and so He is always asking, "Your order, please."