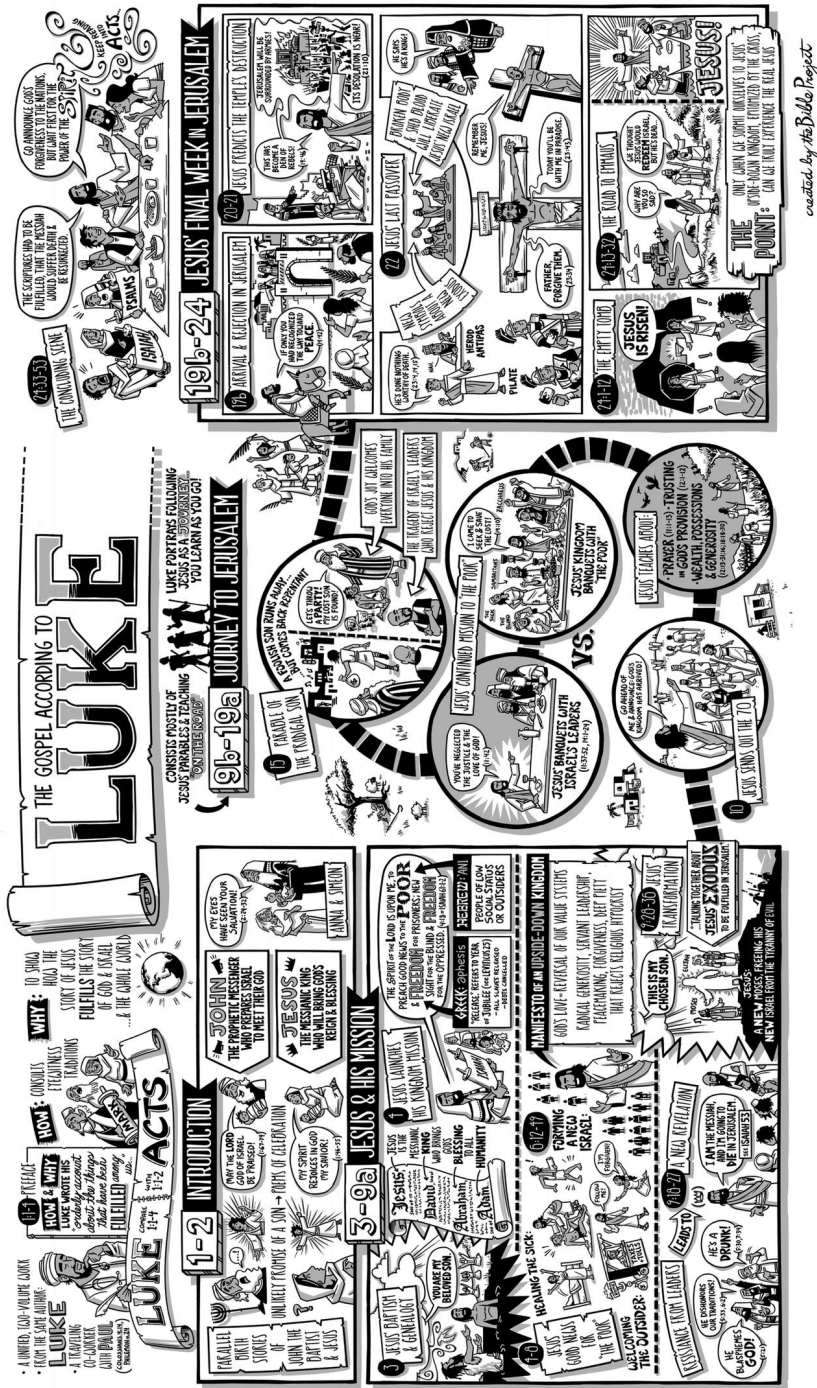




Luke 11:1-26

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Everyone who asks receives;
those who seek find;
and to those who knock,
the door will be opened.

Luke 11:10



Your word is a lamp to my feet
And a light to my path.
Psalms 119:105



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LUKE 11

His generosity (1–13). If Jesus, John the Baptist, and the Twelve all needed to pray, how much more do we need to pray! We must put God's concerns first (vv. 2–4), because prayer is based on *sonship*, not friendship. God is a loving Father, not a grouchy neighbor; He gives us what we need. He neither slumbers nor sleeps; and He doesn't become irritated when we ask for help (James 1:5).

His authority (14–36). More dangerous than open hostility (vv. 14–22) is attempted neutrality (vv. 23–26), for an empty life is an opportunity for Satan to move in and take over. The only sign we need is the “sign of Jonah,” our Lord's resurrection from the dead (Acts 2:22–36). Jesus has won the victory over the prince of darkness. Obey Satan and you let in darkness rather than light, and soon you will not be able to distinguish between them (Matt. 6:22–23).

“Prayer is a mighty instrument, not for getting man's will done in Heaven, but for getting God's will done in earth.”

Robert Law

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1. In verses 3–4, notice the bold language used: “Give us, forgive us and lead us”. How do you feel about making bold requests through prayer? Do you feel these kind of prayers help to align our hearts with God? Have you experienced a time when you prayed for a circumstance to change and it was you, your thoughts and attitude that changed toward the circumstance?

2. Do you find it difficult to remain persistent in prayer? What are the benefits of having a persistent prayer life? What is one thing you can begin doing today to improve your prayer life?

3. What is the point of Jesus' comparison with earthly fathers giving good gifts? What then is our basis for trusting God when we pray? Why is it sometimes good for us not to have our prayers answered as we desire?

4. In verse 14, how did the demon affect the man that he was in? What happened to the man when Jesus threw the demon out of him? What happens to a demon when it leaves a person? Perhaps a demon may return to someone whom God has not filled with the Holy Spirit. What will happen then?