

THE DISCIPLES' PRAYER

Lesson One

PRAY, THEN, LIKE THIS

Burden to Impart:

As the Lord's disciples one of our greatest privileges is to pray and know that our prayers are heard by Him.

Memory Verse: "Pray, then, like this..." (Matthew 6:9a).

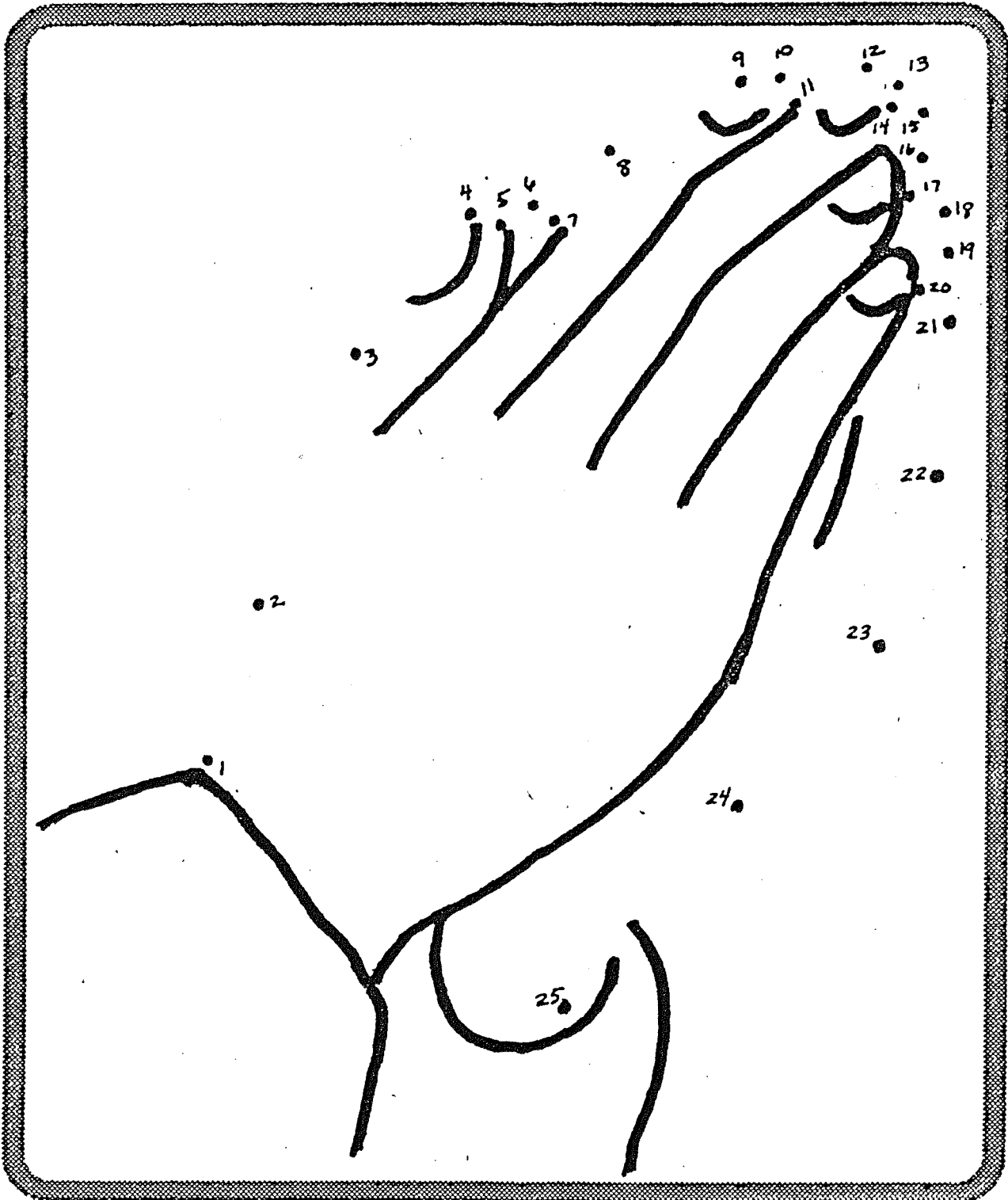
Facts to Teach:

1. When the Lord Jesus walked on the earth His disciples observed that He would often spend time alone in prayer. They realized that He knew God in a very special way and had a very close relationship with Him.
2. Once, as the Lord Jesus was praying, His disciples realized that they did not know how to pray, so they asked Him to teach them how (Luke 11:1-4).
3. However, before teaching the disciples how to pray, the Lord firstly taught them two ways how they should NOT pray (Matt. 6:5-8).
4. We should not pray like the hypocrites (insincere actors) who love to pray so that others will see them and hear them. They pray only to draw attention to themselves and to glorify themselves.
5. Rather, we should sincerely pray to our Father from our heart, not so that others would see us, but realizing that He sees us. He very much desires to hear our prayers so He closely watches when we pray to Him. He so much desires us to pray that He will one day even reward us for every sincere prayer we have offered to Him.
6. We should not repeat empty words when we pray. This means we should not try to "pad" our prayers with extra "stuffing," (words). We should pray simply and to the point, realizing that our Father already knows what we need, but He wants us to come to Him and tell Him our need anyway so that we may have fellowship with Him.



Let's Pray

Connect the dots to reveal what we are called as Christians to do for one another.
(See James 5:16.)



Our Lord Jesus taught his disciples and us how to pray :(Matthew 6 : 5-8)

1. We should not pray like the _____ who love to pray so that others will _____ them and _____ them. They pray only to draw attention to themselves and to glorify themselves.
2. We should not repeat _____ words when we pray . This means we should not try to pad our prayer with extra words.

Our Lord Jesus desires to hear our _____, He closely watches us when we pray to Him. He will one day reward us for every sincere prayers we have offered to Him.

Our Father, Lord Jesus already knows what we _____, but He wants us to _____ to Him and _____ Him our ~~needs~~^{needs} so that we may have _____ with Him.

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16^a Isa. 58:6-7;
Matt. 9:14;
17:21;
Acts 13:2
16^b Matt. 6:1, 5
17^a Eccl. 9:8
18^a Matt. 6:4, 6

16 And when you ^{1a}fast, do not be like the sullen-faced hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so that they may ^bappear to men to be fasting. Truly I say to you, They have their reward in full.

17 But you, when you fast, ^aanoint your head and wash your face,

18 So that you may not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in ^asecret; and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

5. Concerning the Material Riches of the Kingdom People
6:19-34

19^a Luke 12:15-21;
Heb. 13:5
19^b James 5:2-3
20^a Matt. 19:21;
Luke 12:33;
18:22
20^b Matt. 24:43;
Luke 12:39
21^a Luke 12:34
22^a vv. 22-23;
Luke 11:34-36
23^a 1 John 1:6-7
24^a Luke 16:13
24^b Luke 16:9, 11, 13

19 ¹Do ^anot store up for yourselves treasures on the earth, where ^bmoth and rust consume and where thieves dig through and steal.

20 But ¹store up for yourselves ^atreasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not ^bdig through nor steal.

21 For where your treasure is, there will your ^{1a}heart be also.

22 The ^alamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is ¹single, your whole body will be full of light;

23 But if your eye is ¹evil, your whole body will be dark. If then the ²light that is in you is ^adarkness, how great is the darkness!

24 No one can ¹serve ^atwo masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will ²hold to one and despise the other. You cannot ¹serve God and ^{3b}mammon.

heavenly Father forgive their offenses. In such a case, their prayer will be frustrated.

16¹ To fast is not to refrain from eating; it is to be unable to eat because of a desperate burden to pray for certain things. It is also an expression of self-humbling in seeking God's mercy. To give alms is to give what we have the right to possess, whereas to fast is to give up what we have the right to enjoy.

19¹ The fifth section of the King's decree, vv. 19-34, concerns the riches of the kingdom people.

20¹ To store up treasures in heaven is to give material things to the poor (19:21) and to care for the needy

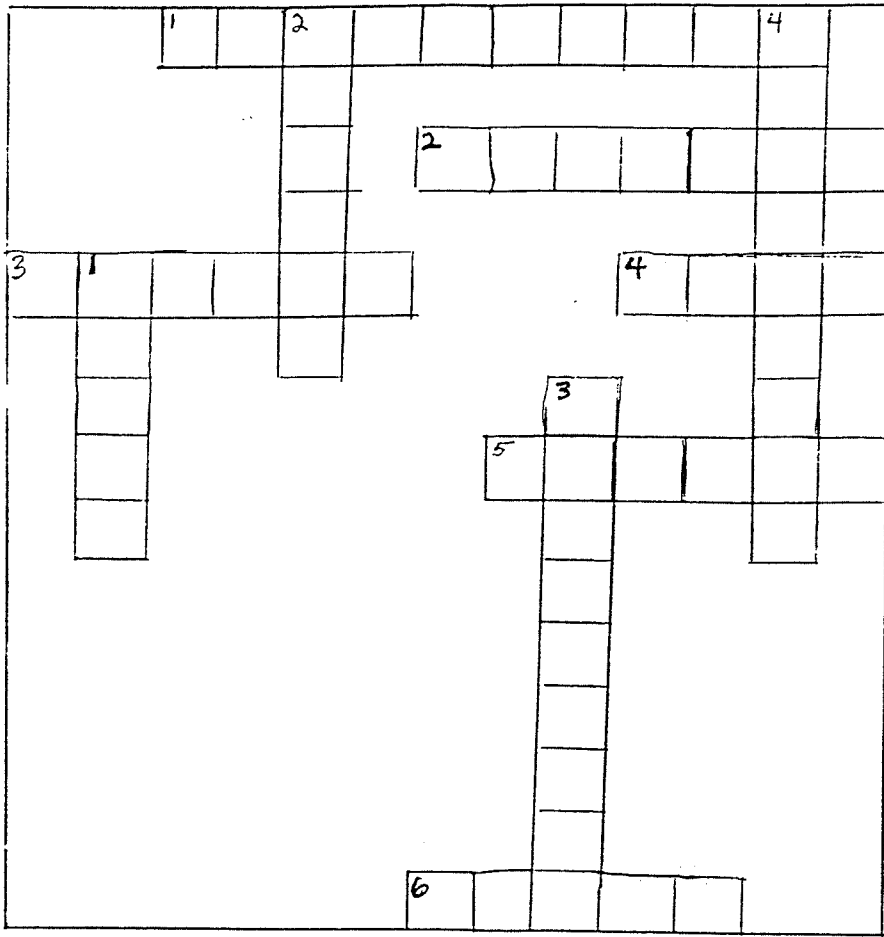
saints (Acts 2:45; 4:34-35; 11:29; Rom. 15:26) and the Lord's servants (Phil. 4:16-17).

21¹ The kingdom people must send their treasure to heaven so that their heart also can be in heaven.

22¹ Our two eyes can focus on only one thing at a time. If we endeavor to see two things at once, our vision will be blurred. If we focus our eyes on one thing, our vision will be single and our whole body will be full of light. If we store up our treasure both in heaven and on earth, our spiritual vision will be blurred. For our vision to be single, we must store up our treasure in one place.

23¹ To look at two objects at the

Name : _____



Across:

1. People that are not sincere in the way they act.
2. When we pray the Lord pays attention and _____.
3. God is our Heavenly _____.
4. The Lord already knows what we _____ before we ask but He wants us to come to Him to ask & pray.
5. We should pray in a _____ way, not complicated.
6. The Lord _____ hears us when we pray sincerely

Down:

1. In the Bible, Jesus would often pray all by himself, or _____.
2. Our speaking to the Lord is our _____.
3. The Lord taught His _____ how to pray.
4. When we pray from our heart we pray _____.