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## **Learning to Pray Like Jesus**

Sermon Topic: Practical Helps to Improve Your Prayer Life.

Introduction –

Helpful Hint #1 – Use Prayer Cards to Keep Track of Requests Using Scripture Attached to Specific Needs

Helpful Hint #2 – Understand that Growing Christians Are More Aware of Personal Sins and Will Automatically Pray More Because They Need Jesus More

Helpful Hint # 3 – Learn to Listen to God’s Voice (Without Putting Words in His Mouth)

Psalm 16:7–8

[7] I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. [8] I have set the LORD always before me, because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. (ESV)

Psalm 32:8

[8] I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. (ESV)

John 10:27

[27] My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. (ESV)

How?

1. Spend Time in the Word and Deep Devotionals
2. Listen during prayer times for the still small voice of God that Elijah heard– don’t just speak.
3. Discern, discern, discern. The more you are a student of the Word, the more you can distinguish God’s voice from your own and a spirit. The Holy Spirit and demonic spirits speak in 2<sup>nd</sup> person, not first.
4. Seek godly wisdom from others.
  - Trinity, Dallas, Western? How to choose? Gary Basham and profs at Western.
5. You have standing orders, continue in them until redirected.
  - i.e. don’t ask, “Should I witness to my co-worker?”
  - Near Rear Admiral in Seminary. Doing God’s work in the military but felt the call of God to be re-directed into ministry. Many second career students at Western.