

WEEK OF PRAYER & FASTING: Day #1

Castleton Community Church | Luke 6:20-26

Prayer & Fasting

Fasting Definition: *Abstaining from food or drink for a spiritual purpose*

Dr. Martin Lloyd Jones: *...fasting should really be made to include abstinence from anything which is legitimate in and of itself for the sake of some special spiritual purpose.*

Example of Jesus: Luke 4:1-4

Corporate Prayer & Fasting: Acts 13:1-3

Our goal for this week of prayer & fasting, is that we might stir up a hunger & thirst for the Lord in our own hearts, as we seek him together in prayer. May the turning away from legitimate pursuits for a time, allow us to have a greater clarity in our focus on him, and a greater dependence on his daily provision for our souls.

Luke 6:20-26

20 And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

21 “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

22 “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! 23 Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

24 “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

25 “Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

“Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

26 “Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

PRAYER #1 Luke 6:20-23- Prayers for us

- i) For God to help us see ourselves as he sees us
- ii) For us to value things of kingdom over things of earth
- iii) For us to hunger more for God than for anything else
- iv) For us to find comfort & consolation in our status before our heavenly father
- v) For us to joyfully endure persecution & unfair treatment, looking forward to our heavenly reward

PRAYER #2 Luke 6:24-26 - Prayers for the lost

- i) Pray for those with riches in this world to find the far greater riches in Christ
- ii) Pray for those satisfied in this world to have holy dissatisfaction that leads them to God
- iii) Pray for those who mock Christ and his followers, to instead join us in Christ
- iv) Pray for those who the world approves of to start caring more for God’s approval than man’s
- v) Pray for the lost in our country, city, and our neighborhood

PRAYER #3 Prayers for each other