

I. His Example (v1)

He prayed. They watched Him praying. They were fascinated. As soon as he was done, they asked Him.

II. His Words (v2)

He gave them words

A. Examine yourself

*Let us search out and examine our ways,
And turn back to the LORD;
Let us lift our hearts and hands
To God in heaven.
(Lamentations 3:40-41)*

B. Prepare words

*Take words with you,
And return to the LORD.
Say to Him,
“Take away all iniquity;
Receive us graciously,
For we will offer the sacrifices of our lips.
(Hosea 14:2)*

C. Raise your prayer

*Lord, I cry out to You;
Make haste to me!
Give ear to my voice when I cry out to You.
Let my prayer be set before You as incense,
The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.
(Psalms 141[140]:1-2)*

D. Raise your hands

*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.
(Romans 12:1-2)*

III. Parable of Bread (v 3,5,11)

A. Bread = The Holy Spirit = The Antidote to temptation = The Fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:22).

B. Consider the parable of Nathan (2 Sam 12). Now consider again this parable. Who is the visitor coming at midnight? It is temptation! (Lead us not into temptation!)

*Then the LORD sent Nathan to David. And he came to him, and said to him: "There were two men in one city, one rich and the other poor. "The rich man had exceedingly many flocks and herds. "But the poor man had nothing, except one little ewe lamb which he had bought and nourished; and it grew up together with him and with his children. It ate of his own food and drank from his own cup and lay in his bosom; and it was like a daughter to him. "And a traveler came to the rich man, who refused to take from his own flock and from his own herd to prepare one for the wayfaring man who had come to him; but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him." So David's anger was greatly aroused against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this shall surely die! "And he shall restore fourfold for the lamb, because he did this thing and because he had no pity."
(2 Samuel 12:1-6)*

IV. Parable of Persistence

A. Consider the parable of the widow and the unjust judge (Luke 18). Judge = King = God. Widow = Nobody = Me. Persistence. If that's all you got in the way of faith, go for it. Ask.

B. Now consider this parable. A little sarcastic. Will I find faith on this earth? No. You have no faith in My love, compassion, and mercy. Therefore, I shall defy the idea that "God won't listen to me." If you, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, ...