

# Morning Lesson

## GOLDEN KEYS FOR SUCCESS

### "Diligent Prayer"

1 Thess 5:17

#### INTRO:

1. We should have the attitude expressed by the disciple in **Luke 11:1**.
2. We desire a personal contact with an eternal God.

#### I. WE ARE PRAYING TO AN EVER-PRESENT, LIVING GOD.

- A. Every prayer in the Bible is offered to a personal God.
- B. **Heb. 11:6; Heb. 13:5; Matt. 28:20; Psalm 139:1-17**
- C. Sing: "Our God, He Is Alive." (1, 2 chorus 3, 4 chorus)

#### II. WE NEED HIM.

- A. Prayer assumes the weakness of man and the unlimited strength of God.
- B. **John 15:5**
- C. Sing: "Abide With Me" (All 5)

#### III. GOD HEARS PRAYER.

- A. As we pray we move up to God and he moves down to us.
- B. **James 4:8; 1 Pet. 3:12; 1 Pet. 5:6, 7; 1 John 5:14**
- C. Sing: "Tis The Blessed Hour Of Prayer" (All 4)

#### IV. GOD ANSWERS PRAYER.

- A. He is here! He listens! He has power! He will answer!
- B. **John 15:7, 16; John 16:23; 1 John 5:15**
- C. Notice that God answers only those who believe in Christ.  
**1 John 5:13; James 2:17**
- D. **Luke 13:3; Rom. 10:10; Acts 22:16**

#### CONC:

1. Without prayer we will fail.
2. With a determined, diligent prayer life we can succeed.
3. My prayer today is that God's word will cut into our hearts and lead us on to successful service in his kingdom, the church.