

# SERMON NOTES

## The B.L.E.S.S. Strategy

### B. - Begin with Prayer (Luke 11)

- Today we begin to look more closely at the strategy by considering Jesus and His ministry.
- As the disciples watched Jesus pray they discovered that Jesus' prayer life was not a nicety but that a necessity.

*"Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself . . ." John 5:19*

(John 14:10)

*"As it is the business of tailors to make clothes, and as it is the business of cobblers to mend shoes, it is the business of Christians to pray"*  
 - Martin Luther

#### I. Jesus' ministry \_\_\_\_\_ with prayer (Luke 3:21-22)

- What is the difference between the filling of the Spirit and the anointing of the Spirit? Being filled is when by faith you yield to the leadership of the Holy spirit in your life. The anointing is a special touch for a specific task.

#### II. Jesus' ministry \_\_\_\_\_ on prayer

##### A. He prayed for \_\_\_\_\_ (Mark 1:35-38)

- After a very successful day, we probably would have wanted to continue there but Jesus knew how to get a sense of direction.

##### B. He prayed in a time of \_\_\_\_\_. (Luke 5:15-16)

- Do you know when the greatest time of danger for you is? When things are going well!

(II Chronicles 26:4-5) Wonderful!

(II Chronicles 26:16) Ouch!

##### C. He prayed concerning \_\_\_\_\_. (Luke 6:12-13)

- This was a time when Jesus faced a crossroads. The apostles He chose would have Christianity on their shoulders.

##### D. He prayed when someone needed \_\_\_\_\_

(John 11:41-43)

- This is especially important for us today. These miracles are miracles with a message.

##### E. He prayed in times of \_\_\_\_\_

(Mark 6:41-44) (Mark 6:45-46)

- He prayed before the miracle and after the miracle.

##### F. He prayed in time of \_\_\_\_\_ (and sorrow)

- Jesus made it through the agony of the hour, through Calvary and through the tomb because he knew how to pray.

#### III. Jesus' ministry \_\_\_\_\_ in prayer

(Hebrews 7:25)

- His propitiation on the Cross saves me and His priestly work in glory secures me.

*"We don't know the millionth part of 1% about anything."*

- Thomas Edison in 1921