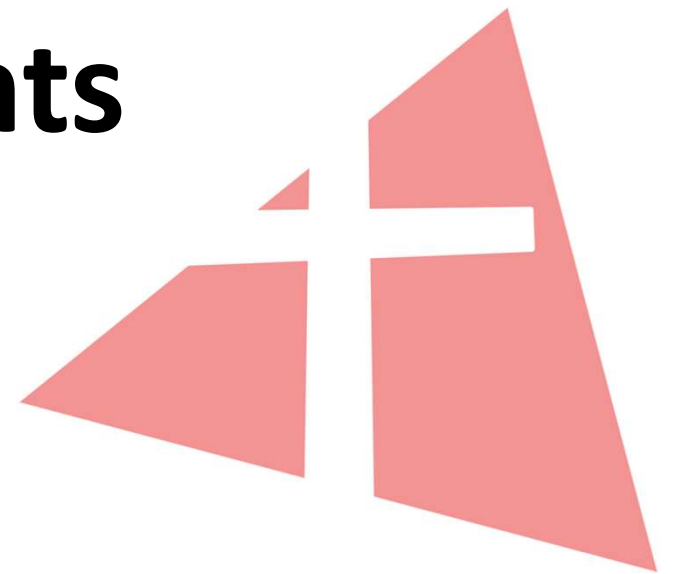


Prayer: Needs and Wants

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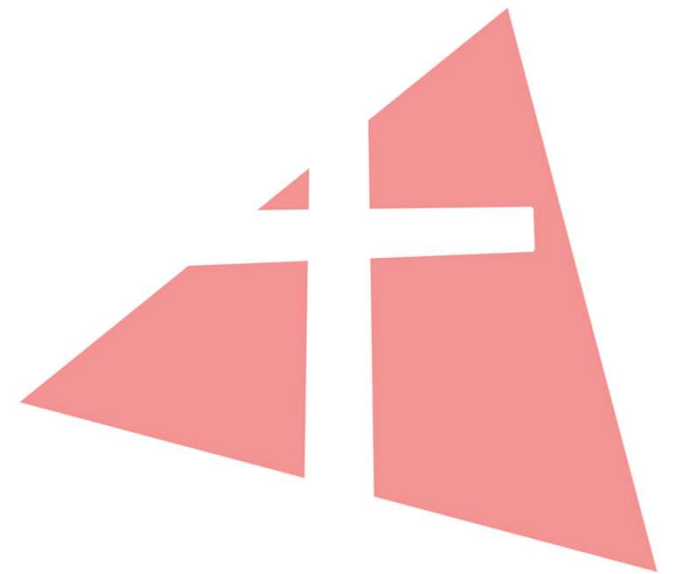


Our Series: Prayer

- **Prayer is for God's Glory**
- **Biblical Prayer is about "praying God's Will"**

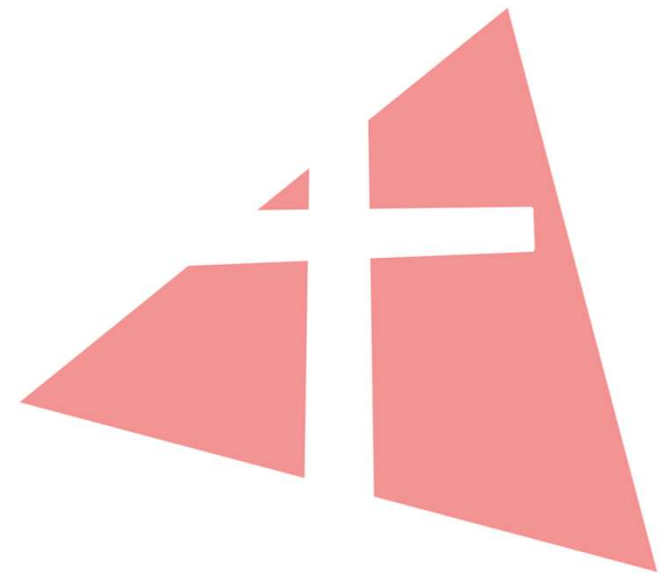
Prayer is telling God what He tells us to tell Him

- **Repentance**



Today's Focus

- **Prayer: Needs and Wants**



2 Principles

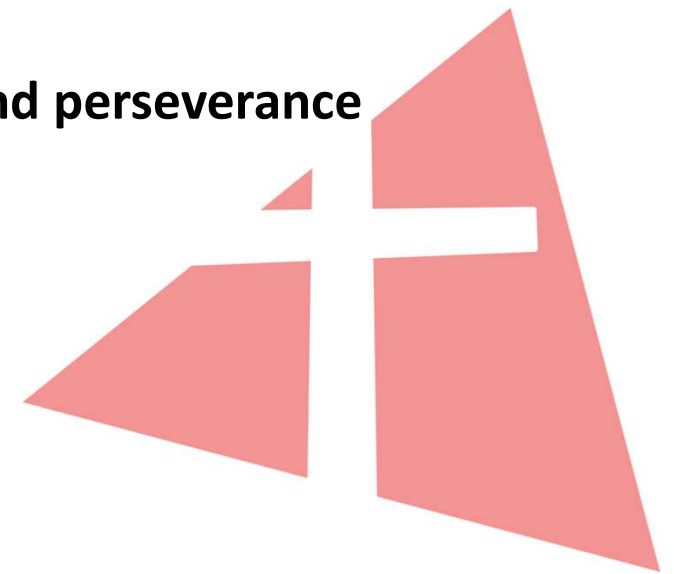
Matthew 6:10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Matthew 6:11 Give us this day our daily bread.



Different Ways of Praying

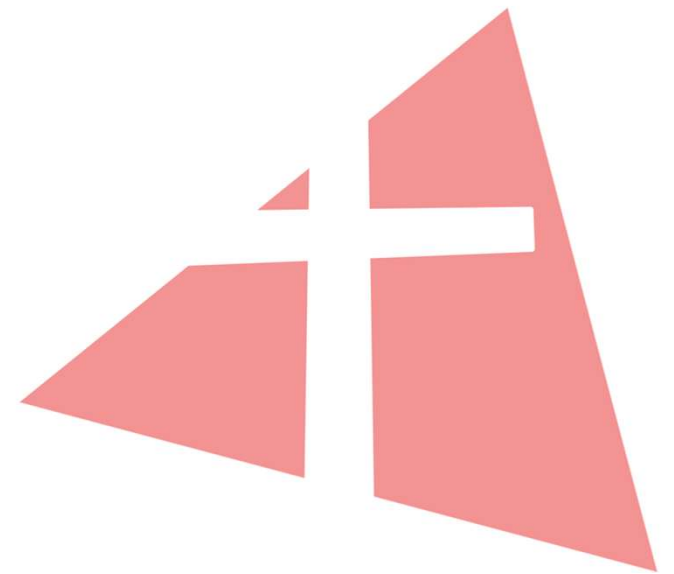
- **God wants us to pray His will**
- **When we know God's Will, we should pray with confidence and perseverance**
- **When we don't know God's Will, we should seek His will first**



Praying for our Needs

- God wants us to pray for Him to provide for all our needs
- But what are needs?

Matthew 6:11 Give us this day our daily bread.



Needs

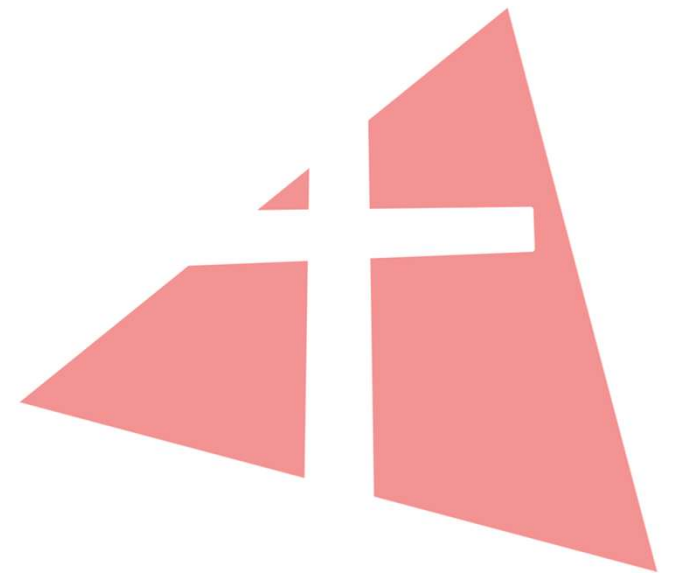
1 Timothy 6:8 And having food and clothing let us be with these things content.



The World

- **This world is obsessed with**

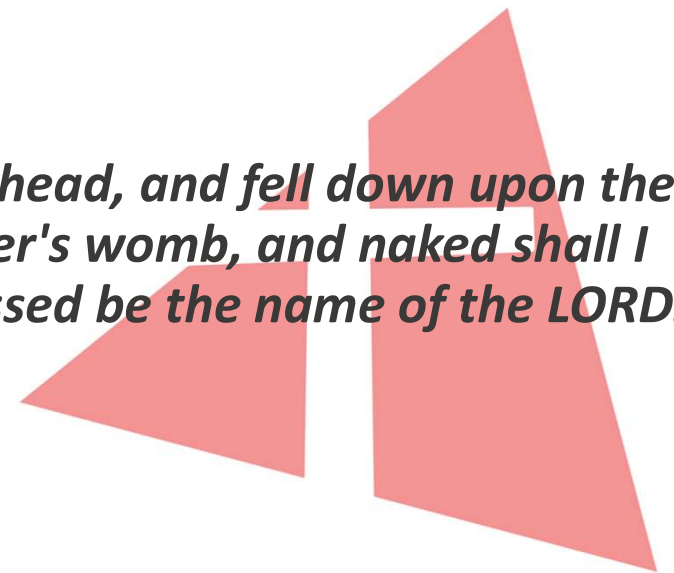
- Providing security for ourselves for the rest of our lives
- Providing fun and entertainment for ourselves
- Having what other people have
- ...



Just to be clear

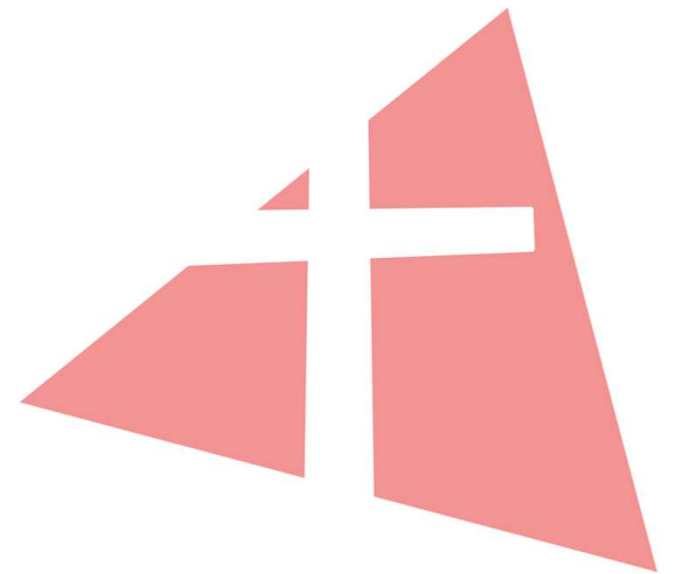
- These things are not bad
- God might give them to us
- But we cannot treat these things as needs!

Job 1:20-22 Then Job arose, and tore his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshiped, And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there: the LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD. In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God with wrong.



Practically Speaking

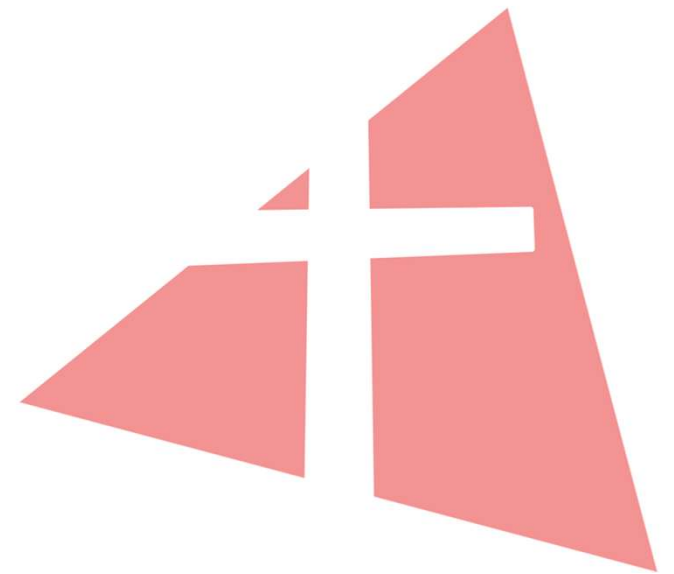
- Praying for our needs
- Praying about our wants



Today and Tomorrow

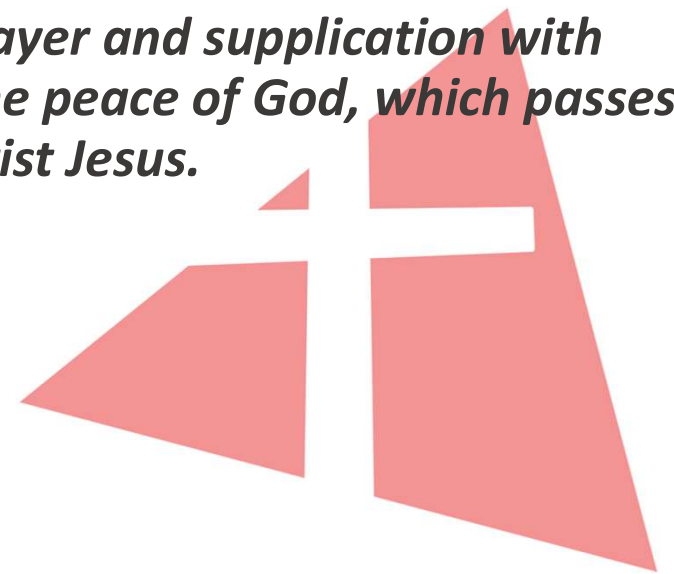
- **God promised to provide for today**
- **He never promised to provide for tomorrow ahead of time**
 - That's a want, but not a need

Matthew 6:11 Give us this day our daily bread.



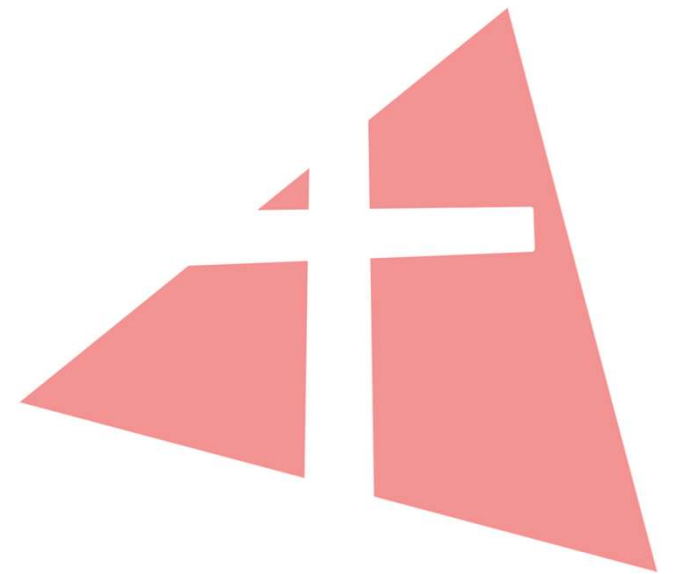
Worry

Philippians 4:6-7 Be anxious for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.



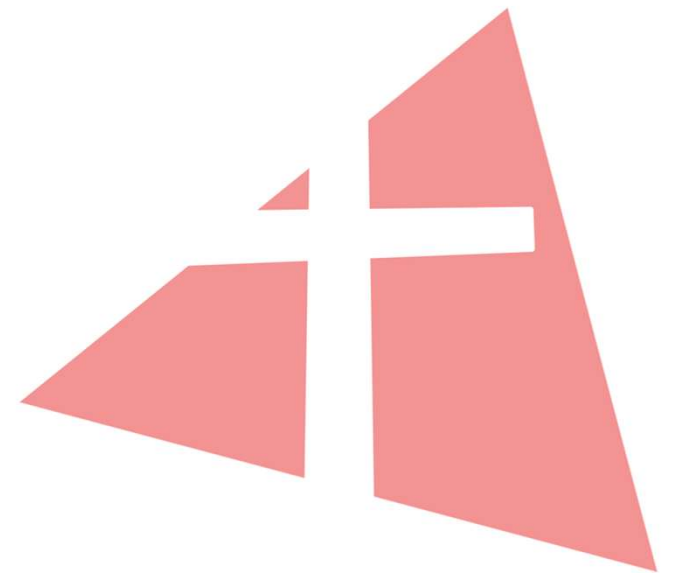
Examining Ourselves

- Are there “wants” that we are treating as needs?



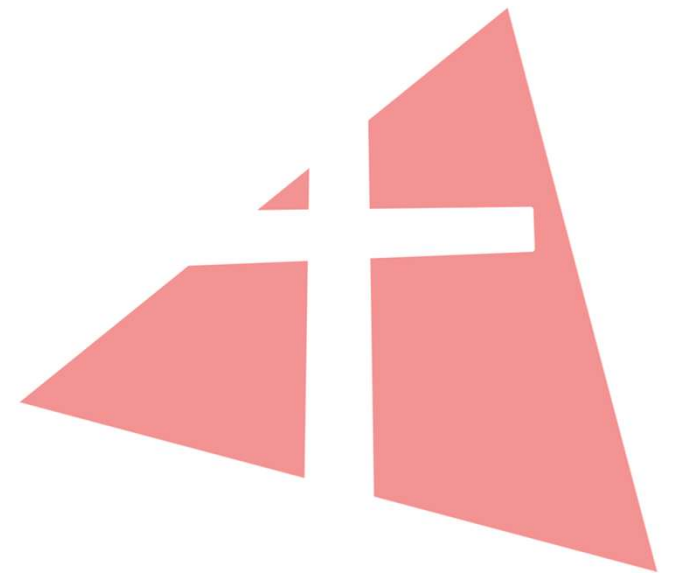
Examining Ourselves

- Are we praying differently for wants and needs?



Examining Ourselves

- **Are we worried? What does our worry say about our hearts?**



In Conclusion

- **God promised to provide for all our needs, but not necessarily all our wants**
- **How we include our wants and needs in our prayers says something about “what is in our hearts”**

