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Fellowship with the Father
Prayer: The True Lord's Prayer

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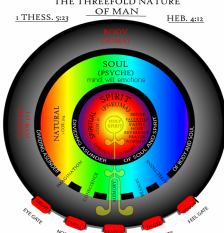
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The unique secret of the life *in Christ* is the exchanged life.
We shouldn't be living our lives, He should be living His life through us.
Luke 9:23; Gal. 2:20

- **John 14:12** – Jesus working through us
 - 2 Cor. 3:5 – nothing coming from us!
 - – borrowed activity
- **John 14:13** – "ask in My name"
 - "Whatever you need to carry out My Father's will – to bring glory to His Name – you have My authority, just ask for it and it will be done by Me."
 - – borrowed authority
- **John 14:15-17** – The Promised Helper
 - *The Comforter: Comfort that strengthens!* 2 Tim. 1:7 & Eph. 3:16
 - *The Spirit of the Truth:*
 - John 16:13 – "He will guide you into all truth"
 - Ephesians 1:17-19 – "that you may know"
 - – borrowed deity

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The Spirit of the Truth



- **The mind** – Truth from the written Word
- **The emotions** – Truth from the Living Word
- **The will** – Truth from the Spirit of truth

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John 17:1-3 – The True Lord's Prayer

- This prayer was given in order to teach us great truths about the nature of prayer!
 - No fear in Jesus' words – only an awareness of anticipated opportunity.

1. **Now is the time.**
 - v.1 "the hour (time) has come"
 - John 2:4; 7:6,8,8:30; 8:20 – "My hour has not yet come"
 - "the hour has come" – This is the hour Jesus has been looking forward to His entire life. All He had lived for would begin to be fulfilled.
 - John 12:24 – *life only through death!*
 - death → then life
 - death → then glory (Heb. 2:9)
 - What does this mean for us?
 - We must learn to pray with this same heart, "the hour has come"
 - "Father, the time has come – the time where I must make a choice as to whether I shall hold my life for myself, to act in self-centeredness as I have been doing for so long, or whether I shall believe I was crucified with You, passing into death, and laying hold of the hope and glory that lies in You."
 - Such hours come to all of us continually!
 - Disappointments, setbacks, tragedies, losses
 - Injustices, invasions of our privacy, assaults on our right to live our own lives!
 - 2 Corinthians 4:16-18! Light afflictions are moments of abounding opportunity!

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2. **Continuous Giving.**
 - v.1 "glorify Thy Son, that the Son may glorify Thee,"
 - Here we are shown an amazing interplay of personality
 - The Father gives to the Son in order that the Son may give back to the Father.
 - Perfect fellowship, perfect intimacy through continuous giving.
 - We are invited to share in this continuous giving!
 - Matthew 11:28-30 – "Come to Me, ... and I will give you rest."
 - John 6:37 – "I will certainly not cast out."
3. **Intimate Communion.**
 - v.3 "And this is eternal life,"
 - What is eternal life?
 - Living forever?
 - No, here we are given the true meaning of eternal life!
 - Eternal life is *knowing* the only true God, and Jesus, no more, no less.
 - What does it mean to *know* someone?
 - Knowing another person means the end of loneliness. It means a sympathizing heart, someone to whom we may tell our problems and who will share our joys and woes. Someone who sees me for who I am. There is no quality in life like it.

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3. **Intimate Communion.**
 - v.3 "And this is eternal life,"
 - Matthew 7:21-23 – "I never knew you"
 - Eternal life is a quality of relationship.
 - Eternal life is knowing a Person!
 - Do you really *know* Jesus?

1. Now is the time.
2. Continuous giving.
3. Intimate communion.

Do you view difficulties in your life as endless opportunity?
Do you desire to walk with the Father and Jesus in intimate communion?
What are some practical ways you can apply tonight to begin to walk this way?

The Spirit of the Truth

- We are swimming in a sea of moral relativism, and without the solid rock of truth, we are destined to drift in and out of man's opinions and lies, without any hope of experiencing life, especially life abundant!
- Are you living in the Spirit, with His truth constantly guiding you?
- Are you God-centered or self-centered?
- Have you given complete and absolute reign of the Spirit of Truth in your life?

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