

# PIVOTAL PRAYING

John 12:20-28





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3. Pivotal prayers increase as we  
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4. Pivotal prayers come from our **heart**, not just our **head**.



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## LUKE 18:10-14 (NLT)

Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a despised tax collector. **11** The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer: “I thank you, God, that I am not like other people—cheaters, sinners, adulterers. I’m certainly not like that tax collector! **12** I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income.”

## LUKE 18:10-14 (NLT)

13 But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying, “O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.” 14 I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee, returned home justified before God. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. †



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## JOHN 12:20-28 (NLT)

Some Greeks who had come to Jerusalem for the Passover celebration **21** paid a visit to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee. They said, “Sir, we want to meet Jesus.” **22** Philip told Andrew about it, and they went together to ask Jesus. **23** Jesus replied, “Now the time has come for the Son of Man to enter into his glory. **24** I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone.

## JOHN 12:20-28 (NLT)

But its death will produce many new kernels—a plentiful harvest of new lives. **25** Those who love their life in this world will lose it. Those who care nothing for their life in this world will keep it for eternity.

**26** Anyone who wants to serve me must follow me, because my servants must be where I am. And the Father will honor anyone who serves me.

## JOHN 12:20-28 (NLT)

27 “Now my soul is deeply troubled. Should I pray, ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But this is the very reason I came! 28 Father, bring glory to your name.” Then a voice spoke from heaven, saying, “I have already brought glory to my name, and I will do so again.” †



5. Pivotal praying isn't **complex**; it simply **connects** us with God's **heart**.

6. When we pray pivotally, we receive **every resource** we need.

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