

## Less Mess

Without our eyes on the greatness of God and our hearts surrendered to His authority, our \_\_\_\_\_ will be filled with a lot of earthly stresses and self-made messes.

Though we're in a physical world, we often neglect to recognize many of our messes have a \_\_\_\_\_ connection.

... Our Father which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done  
in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.**

**<sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from the evil one.**

*Matthew 6:9 - 13*

Only God can *F*\_\_\_\_\_ us  
from the obligations we owe Him.

*Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.* *Luke 11:4*

*For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.*

*Matthew 6:14-15*

**Turn to Matthew 18:21-35**

God is moved when our A\_\_\_\_\_ are connected to our A\_\_\_\_\_

Only if we *F*\_\_\_\_\_ God  
can we escape the enticements of the world and the devil.

*For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world.* *1 John 2:16*

*No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.* *1 Cor. 10:13 (2 Pet. 1:4)*

Only if God *F*\_\_\_\_\_ for us  
can we have victory over evil.

*The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.* *Exodus 14:14*  
*They will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the Lord.* *Jer. 1:19*

*Deut. 1:29-30, 20:3-4, 2 Kings 6:16-18, 2 Chron. 20:17*

### Quick Question:

Why is the closing doxology not in most Bibles?

*"For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory ... "*

*It's not in the oldest manuscripts.*

It is probably adapted from 1 Chronicles 29:11-13.

### Observation to Consider:

Why did Jesus speak of forgiveness before temptation and the deliverance over the evil one?

*It is a matter of our \_\_\_\_\_ and our \_\_\_\_\_.*

**Optional Readings:** *Key focus: "Evil Desires"*  
**Romans** 6<sup>12</sup> **1 Corinthians** 10<sup>6</sup> **2 Timothy** 2<sup>22</sup> 3<sup>6</sup>  
**James** 1<sup>4</sup> **1 Peter** 1<sup>14</sup> 4<sup>2</sup> **2 Peter** 1<sup>4</sup> 3<sup>3</sup> **Jude** 1<sup>16</sup>

*Key focus: the "Evil One"*  
**John** 17<sup>15</sup> **Ephesians** 6<sup>16</sup> **1 John** 2<sup>13-14</sup> 5<sup>18-19</sup>