

Prayer Essentials "Let's Talk To God"

"This is the confidence that we have in him, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us. And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desire of him. " I John 5:14,15

Prayer and the Word Of God are **inseparable**; it should always go together in the quiet time of your inner chamber. In His Word that God talks to us. In prayer, we talk to God.

Purpose..... "The first purpose of prayer is to move the pray-er" ... Roy Smith.

Motivation..... In the first chapter of Ephesians, Paul provides a wonderful starting point. He reminds us of the motivation behind prayer- communicating with the One who is in control of all things. In **Eph 1:18** Paul wrote... *"The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling. "*

We should never forget to express our thankfulness, jubilation, and praise to Him.

"Praying is a dangerous business. Results do come." G. Christie Swain

What specific things about Paul's prayer life made them worthy of inclusion in God's Word?

ELEMENTSFive elements that Paul used to keep his prayer life active and fresh.

Paul made **Specific Requests**. He didn't prayer in generalities.

Paul asked for BIG "**God Sized**" things. **Nothing** was too big for God.

His prayers were always **Christ-Centered**. They were never selfish.

His prayers were **Kingdom-Related**. Always centered on God's kingdom being increased.

Paul's prayers brought **Glory To God**. He always remembered to recognize and give thanks to God for His faithfulness.

WHAT IS PRAYER?

Prayer is **Faith Asking.**

Prayer is**Hope Waiting.**

Prayer is**Love Embracing.**

Prayer is **Me Being In The Presence Of God.**

Prayer is **God Being In Me Being Me.**

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Prayer is ... **Communion With God. It is a two-way conversation.**

Prayer is**Fellowship With God.**

Prayer is **Praising God.**

Psalm 107:21..... *"Oh that men would **Praise The Lord** for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! "*

CHARACTERISTICS OF PRAYER....

Prayer is **always.** I Thes. 5: 17 *"Pray without ceasing. "*

Prayer is a **privilege.** Heb. 4: 16 *"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. "*

Prayer is **private.** Mt. 6:6 *"But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy father which is secret; and thy father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. "*

Prayer is **public.** Acts 2:42 *"And they continued stedfastly in the apostle's doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.*

Prayer is **intercession** Eph.1:16 *"Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you ⁱⁿ my prayers.*

Prayer is **petition.** Mt. 7:7 *"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened. "*

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TO WHOM DO WE PRAY?....

Mt. 6:9 *"After this manner therefore pray ye: Our **Father** which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name"*

THROUGH WHOM DO WE PRAY?...

John 14:6 *"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me."*

IN WHOM DO WE PRAY?....

Eph. 6:18a *"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the **Spirit**, "*

WHY PRAY?

It is commanded. Luke 18:1 *"And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not faint. "*

To receive from God. Mt. 21 :22 *"And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive. "*

Joy in prayer. John 16:24 *"Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. "*

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O THERS SECOND
Y OURSELF LAST**

Delivers me from trouble. Psalm 34:6 *"This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. "*

Gives us access to God's wisdom. James 1:5 *"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. "*

Channel for God's power. Jer.33:3 *"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not. "*

Sin by not praying for others. I Sam. 12:23a *"Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you. "*

Sinners are saved by praying. Rom. 10:13 *"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved*

Jesus found it necessary to have definite and extended periods of fellowship alone with his Father. Mark 1:35 *"And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed"*

To keep Satan from persuading us to fall away and just give up.

To give us the strength to keep on keeping on.

To hear God speak to us, comfort us, reassure us, and give us guidance and direction.

To open the gate into the rose garden.

To help us grow.

To tell God things that I can't tell to anyone else.

HOW TO PRAY?....

A doration Prayer is **adoration**. Mark 12:29,30 *"And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: This is the first commandment."*

C onfession Prayer is **confession**. 1 John. 1:9 *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*

Tell Him where you have failed.

T hanksgiving Prayer is **thanksgiving**. 1 Thes. 5:18 *"In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."*

Thank Him for what He has done and is doing.

S upplication Prayer is **supplication**. Phil. 4:6 *"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known unto God"*

Make your requests known to Him.

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WHEN TO PRAY?..

Ps. 55:17 *"evening, at morning, and at noon will I pray. "*

Mt.14:23 *"he went up into a mountain apart to pray. "*

Acts 10:9b *"Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour. "*

Acts 16:25 *"at midnight Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises. "*

POSITION WHILE PRAYING?....

Eph.3:14 *"For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. "*

Ps. 95:6 *"let us kneel before the Lord our maker. "*

Dan.6:10 *"Daniel knelt on his knees three times a day."*

Luke 22:41 *"and Jesus knelt down and prayed. "*

Ps.121:1 *"I will lift up mine eyes up to the hills. "*

Ps.25:15 *"mine eyes are ever toward the Lord. "*

Some bow their head.

Some people bow their knees.

Some kneel in the pew or at the altar.

Some stand looking towards Heaven.

Some pray while driving their vehicle.

You can pray in any position or posture.

THE LAWS OF PRAYER - by Jack Taylor....

Law 1: No believer's Spiritual Life will rise above the level of his or her Praying.

If you want a changed life, then ask God "and cooperate with Him" to change your prayer time.

Law 2: No church's ultimate Effectiveness will rise above the level of its corporate praying.

We must pray and then wait until we hear from God.

Law 3: No church's corporate prayer life will rise above the level of the prayer lives of its Individual members.

It does no good to promote prayer at the corporate level if we do not first learn how to meet God personally in a regular way.

Law 4: No believer's Prayer Life will rise in quality above his daily Time Alone with God.

If you have been looking for a reason for the frustration and failure in your life, you may have no reason to look further.

Law 5: No believer's Practice of prayer will be greater than his View of prayer.

What you are not doing, is not important to you; that's the bottom line. If you are not giving priority to prayer, let's face it, you don't think it is that important.

Law 6: Both private and public Praise are indispensable factors in the prayer life.

Memorize scripture of praise and recite them often.

Law 7: The only way to Learn to pray is to Pray.

GO TO IT AND DO IT!!!