

PRAYER 01

Prayer

A relationship without communication is no relationship at all.
If we have no prayer life (communication) with God then we have no relationship with God.

What is Prayer?

It is simply communication with God.

“Prayer is both a relationship to be experienced with God and a work to be done for God

It is the work of the Kingdom.

God’s Kingdom goes forward on earth through his people.
Through prayer we hear the heart of God and take our orders.
We express our challenges and concerns and he gives us answers.

A realization and confession of our need for Him.

Hear, O Lord and answer me, For I am poor and needy.

Psalm 86:1

So he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty. ***Zechariah 4:6***

A work to be performed.

Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured. ***Colossians 4:12***

I urge you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me. Pray that I may be rescued from the unbelievers in Judea and that my service in Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints there. ***Romans 15:2-31***

A call.

“pray continually” ***1 Thess. 5:17***

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. ***Matthew 7:7***

I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found none. **Ezekiel 22:30**

The Principle of Abiding.

If Jesus said that he could do nothing apart from His father how Much more do we need to be in close fellowship with God through prayer?

Jesus gave them this answer: "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does." **John 5:19**

Personal Prayer

Prayer requires a private place. Jesus made time to be alone for prayer. You do not always have to BE alone to pray, but we must make time to be alone to pray.

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. **Matthew 14:22-23**

Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses. But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed. **Luke 5:15-16**

Close and continual fellowship with God will, in due time, leave it's mark and manifest itself to those around us.—*Sean Smith*

When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. **Acts 4:13**

When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. But whenever he entered the LORD's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the LORD. **Exodus 34: 33-35**

Corporate Prayer

"For where two or three come together in my name, there I am with them."
Matthew 18:20