

LORD TEACH ME TO PRAY!

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SESSION TWO: How And Why?

I will never forget a conversation I had with a lady years ago. She was almost thirty years old, and had been in church all of her life. She had been told all her life to pray, but that she really had no idea how to do it properly.

A number of years ago a poll was done in America asking us how many people felt satisfied with their prayer life. Only 25% did.

So, let's look at _____ to pray, and _____ we need to pray.

1. How Do We _____? Luke 11:1 Praying here literally means all that is involved in praying. They were asking Jesus how to have a real, effective prayer life.

The word teach here means to instruct, or increase ones understanding. It means to shape the will.

We need to spend our lives learning how to pray. I believe it was Andrew Murray who wrote a book titled "With Christ In The School of Prayer." This is a school and a class we need permanent enrollment in.

(1) Humbly Be Yourself

(2) We Pray By Faith, Not By Feeling

_____ 2:6 You pray God's way, He is hearing you!

(3) Some Practical Tips Matthew 6:6 It is good to have a _____ for prayer. Now pray anytime and anywhere, but for your daily prayer time, having a regular place is helpful. Mark 1:35

(4) Use The 7 Finger Method For Your Prayer Time. In Matthew 9 and Luke 11 we have the Lord's Prayer or Disciple's Prayer.

These are great principles for praying, but it is not the exhaustive Biblical teaching on prayer. We will go over these 7 parts of prayer one by one in the weeks ahead. Praise, forgiving others, confession of your sins, thanksgiving, praying for others, praying for yourself and listening to God.

(5) _____ With Praying The Rest Of Your Life!

Matthew 7:7-8 _____ 18:1
Let prayer be your _____ wheel, not your spare tire!

2. _____ Pray? The "how" is huge, but the "why" is even bigger.

To be serious about prayer, we must believe it seriously matters.

(1) _____ Tells Us To Pray Luke 18:1

(2) Prayer Shows Your _____ On God

Matthew 5:3 Philippians 4:6 Christian _____ and depth is about becoming more and more dependent on God.

(3) Jesus _____ It and Needed It. Luke 5:16
Prayer _____ Jesus' life. He prayer daily. He prayed all night before He chose His 12 disciples. He prayer with extreme passion in the Garden of Gethsemane before his arrest and crucifixion.
_____ 8:26 Romans 8:34

(4) Prayer Is A _____ Way God Has Chose To Work

In Numbers 14 God was fixing to destroy the Israelites. Moses prayed, and God changed His mind, and did not kill them.

James 4:2 Folks, prayer is a huge way God has chosen to work. Many things happen or will not happen, based on our praying or not praying. WOW _____ 11:1 Lord teach us to pray. Not to preach, sing, or do miracles. They knew prayer was so important to Jesus, and so key to His life and power.
James 5:16-18

Several years ago, Dr. Jerry Rankin was the President of the Southern Baptist Convention's International Mission Board. I do no know him, but those who do say he is a godly, spiritual man. But listen to his quote. "For sometime my pride would not let me acknowledge the shallowness and mediocrity of my spiritual life. My problem was clearly my weak prayer life." Is this your problem and mine?

I want to challenge you to embrace the "how's" of prayer and the "why's" of praying. If you will really become a person of prayer, you will be on your way to a profound, effective and powerful Christian. And you will be on your way to looking more like Jesus!