

BUILDING A LIFE OF PRAYER

Part 2 of 10 - Dr. Randall J. Pannell

Are any of you suffering hardships? You should pray. Are any of you happy? You should sing praises. Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven. Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

James 5:13-16 (New Living Translation)

Never stop praying.

1 Thess 5:17 (New Living Translation)

WHAT IS PRAYER?

Many think of prayer in this manner - _____

Most often, we think of prayer as _____.

PRAYER IN THE BIBLE:

Devote yourselves to prayer...

Colossians 4:2 (New American Standard)

Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert... **Colossians 4:2** (New American Standard)

O God, listen to my cry! Hear my prayer! From the ends of the earth, I cry to you for help when my heart is overwhelmed. Lead me to the towering rock of safety, for you are my safe refuge, a fortress where my enemies cannot reach me. Let me live forever in your sanctuary, safe beneath the shelter of your wings!

Psalms 61:1-4 (New Living Translation)

We think you ought to know, dear brothers and sisters, about the trouble we went through in the province of Asia. We were crushed and overwhelmed beyond our ability to endure, and we thought we would never live through it. In fact, we expected to die. But as a result, we stopped relying on ourselves and learned to rely only on God, who raises the dead. And he did rescue us from mortal danger, and he will rescue us again. We have placed our confidence in him, and he will continue to rescue us. **And you are helping us by praying for us. Then many people will give thanks because God has graciously answered so many prayers for our safety.**

2 Cor 1:8-11 (New Living Translation)

Jesus said, "This does not happen except by prayer and fasting."
Matthew 17:21 (RJP)

Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere. And pray for me, too. Ask God to give me the right words so I can boldly explain God's mysterious plan that the Good News is for Jews and Gentiles alike. I am in chains now, still preaching this message as God's ambassador. So pray that I will keep on speaking boldly for him, as I should.

Ephesians 6:17-20 (RJP)

Well then, what shall I do? I will pray in the spirit, and I will also pray in words I understand. I will sing in the spirit, and I will also sing in words I understand.

1 Cor 14:15 (New Living Translation)

We always pray for you, and we give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Colossians 1:3 (New Living Translation)

And every time I pray for you all, I always pray with joy.

Philippians 1:4 (New Jerusalem Bible)

PRAYER...

- is simply _____.
- is more about _____ than mere _____.
- is _____, _____ and _____.
- _____.
- is _____.

WHY IS PRAYING SO DIFFICULT?

The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions.

Galatians 5:17 (New Living Translation)

Satan trembles when he sees the weakest saint upon his knees!

Anonymous

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world-- the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does-- comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.

1 John 2:15 (NIV)

- Religious
- Do not know what to pray
- Do not know how to pray