

A Study of Prayer (Pauline)

“Prayer is the measure of man, so that how we pray is as important a question as we can ever face.”

We need to know God better! And what better way than to learn how to pray from prayer-warriors like Paul.

Lessons about Prayer

1. Plan to pray
2. Adopt ways to impede our mental wanderings
 - a. Pray over the Scriptures
 - b. Model prayers on biblical prayers
 - c. Prayer through the Lord’s Prayer and organize our prayers around those implications
 - d. Journaling
3. Develop a prayer-partner relationship
4. Choose models well
5. Develop a system for your prayer lists (Operation World)
6. Mingle praise, confession, and intercession. Tie as many requests to Scripture as possible
7. “You do not have, because you do not ask God.” (James 4:2)
8. God is sovereign and a prayer-hearing and prayer-answering God. These are simultaneous truths (compatibilism).
9. Prayer helps us develop a relationship with God, not just seeing him as a Vending Machine!
10. We ask for things from God because he has commanded prayer and determined that he will answer them in this personal relationship with Him.
11. Many blessings will come to us only through prayer.
12. Tie as many requests to Scripture as possible.
13. Remember that the Holy Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God’s will (Rom. 8:26-27).
14. Practice public prayer. Jesus did at the grave of Lazarus. “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me” (John 11:41-42). We are given an opportunity to model prayer for others; public prayer is a privilege .
15. Jesus does consider private prayer better though (Matt. 6: 5-8).
16. Pray until you pray. (Luke 5:13): persistence in prayer! “Pray in the Holy Spirit.” (Jude 20).
17. “Pray as you can and don’t try to pray as you can’t” (Chapman).
18. The way prayer goes is more under divine control than under our own. So pray and let the Holy Spirit guide you in all wisdom.

Paul's Prayers

2 Thessalonians 1:3-12:

2 Thesalonians 1:1-12:

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Colossians 1: 9-14

Philippians 1: 9-11

Ephesians 1: 15-23

Ephesians 3: 14-21:

Romans 15: 14-33: