Study # 16

Prayer

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\*According to ***Acts 2:42***, the young Christians, along with the older believers, "*continued stedfastly in the apostles doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread*, ***AND IN*** ***PRAYERS***."These Christians had developed from the very beginning from their new life in Christ some definite habits, including prayer. Through God's word (the Holy Scriptures), the Lord communicates with the Christian. ***Psalms 78:1-7*** In Prayer, the Christian communicates with the Lord. ***Psalms 64:1*** Yet, in this busy, bustling world, both Bible study and prayer are neglected by so many, if there is any interest in it at all anymore. In a battle, one of the first and most crucial things planned is to take out the opponents’ communications. This is one strategy of Satan, is to interrupt your Bible study so the Lord is not able to communicate with you, and stop you from praying and communicating with Him. Prayer and Bible study are parts of a Christians life that he is going to have to continually do sincerely and on purpose. These two things are probably the most fought for disciplines in a Christians life, but very rewarding. In this study we are going to focus on **Prayer** and what ***God's word SAY'S*** about it. All of us could and need to talk with our Lord more. The Lord Jesus Christ is coming soon and we should not have to introduce ourselves to the Lord when He gets here. Right? Let's begin.

***What is* Prayer?**

Prayer - The act of communicating with a deity (especially as a petition or in adoration or contrition or thanksgiving); Reverent petition to a deity; Earnest or urgent request.

*Look up these verses:* ***Matthew 7:7-11***

1. The word "pray" means "to \_ \_ \_ or \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_."
2. Give a Scripture reference showing this to be so. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. According to ***1 John 5:14,15*** prayer is asking for \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ according to His will.
4. According to ***Philippians 4:6*** Prayer is asking for \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.
5. The Apostle Paul said in his prayers, he was \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. ***Philippians 1:4***.

***Why* should I Pray?**

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The Bible teaches that prayer is both a COMMAND and a PRIVILEGE.

1. *We are Commanded to Pray*
2. ***Luke 18:1*** Men ought \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ to pray.
3. ***Colossians 4:2*** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in prayer.
4. ***1 Thessalonians 5:17*** Pray without \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.
5. ***Matthew 7:7*** \_ \_ \_.
6. *We have the Privilege to Pray*
7. ***John 16:24*** Prayer brings fullness of \_ \_ \_.
8. ***Hebrews 4:16*** We are invited to "come \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

***How* do I Pray?**

In ***Luke 11:1*** the Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ asked of Him a noble thing when they said, "*Lord, teach us to pray*." In response Jesus gave them the MODEL PRAYER (commonly mis-named the "Lord's Prayer"). You can read this in ***Luke 11:2-4*** and ***Matthew 6:9-13***. This is **NOT the "Lord's Prayer."** This is a prayer Jesus gave to the Apostles request. It was strictly given for the Jews and is not intended for the New Testament child of God. The "LORDS PRAYER" that Jesus prayed for the New Testament believers is found in John 17. It is important to not get these prayers confused. Let's study some essentials for praying.



1. *What posture should I adopt when praying?*
2. ***Mark 11:25*** We may \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and pray.
3. ***1 Kings 8:54; Ezra 9:5*** We may \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and pray.
4. ***Acts 16:13; 1 Chronicles 17:16*** We may \_ \_ \_ and pray.
5. ***Matthew 26:39*** We may fall on our \_ \_ \_ \_ and pray.
6. ***Exodus 34:8*** We may \_ \_ \_ and pray.
7. ***1 Timothy 2:8*** We may pray with up\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_.
* From our study of what the Scriptures **SAY**, what do you conclude about the posture we should adopt when we pray?­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. *To whom do I address my prayers?*

Read ***John 15:16; 16:23; Acts 12:5*** The Lord Jesus Christ says we are to pray to\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. *In whose name are we to pray?*

See ***John 14:14; 16:24*** I am to pray in \_ \_ \_ \_ \_' Name.

1. *In whose power are we to pray?*

See ***Ephesians 6:18; Jude 20*** I am to pray in (the power of) the \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.

1. *The right attitude in prayer*

Listed here are some key attitudes while praying. Look at each of the Scriptures given and place them in their proper place.

***Psalms 62:8; Luke 11:3, 11:5-8, 18:1-5; Romans 15:30; Philippians 4:6;***

***1 Thessalonians 5:18; Hebrews 4:16, 11:6; James 1:5-7, 5:16; 1 Peter 5:7; 1 John 5:14***

1. Reverence \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. Boldness\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. Faith \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. Thanksgiving \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. Persistence \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6. Dependence \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

7. Earnestness \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

8. Confidence \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

9. Openness \_\_\_\_\_\_\_­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_­­

***When* should I Pray?**

There are Two Bible answers to this question.

1. *I am to Pray \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.* ***1 Thessalonians 5:17***

This means that we are to be in an attitude of prayer, ready to pray at all times. In order to be in this state we must always be sure our relationship with the Lord is in such a manner that we can come boldly to His throne at any given second. Other than that, there is no time when we *cannot* pray.

***Luke 18:1; Romans 12:12; Colossians 4:2; Ephesians 6:18***

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1. *I am to have definite set times of Prayer on purpose.*
2. Daniel prayed \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ times daily. ***Daniel 6:10***
3. David prayed each \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. ***Psalms 5:3***
4. The Lord Jesus Christ prayed in the \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. ***Mark 1:35***
5. The Apostles kept set times of Prayer. ***Acts 3:1***
6. The writer in Psalms ***119:62*** rose up at M \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ to talk with God.

It is vital that you develop a pattern of regular prayer. Try to always begin your day with talking with the Lord. ***Proverbs 8:17*** Some, you talk to because you *have to*. But, with our Lord it should be because we *want to*. Right?

***Where* should I Pray?**

In God's Holy word we can find several kinds of prayer illustrated. You will find, as your relationship with the Lord grows, you will eventually be communing with Him in these ways.

1. *Personal or Secret Praying* ***Matthew 6:6***
2. Jesus calls the place for this kind of praying a C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, which means we need to be where we can pray without interruption.
3. Jesus assures us God hears and answers our S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ prayers.
4. *Public Praying* ***Acts 4:24; 12:5,12; Ephesians 5:19,20***
5. This kind of praying is usually done in church meetings and gatherings of believers.
6. In such meetings the public prayer is worded by one person at a time.

***1 Corinthians 1:23,40***

1. When one leads the congregation in prayer everyone participates in the prayer by saying Amen ("so be it") at its conclusion. ***1 Corinthians 14:16***
2. In mixed company (both men and women) public prayers are offered by men.

***1 Corinthians 14:34; 1 Timothy 2:8-12***

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1. *Partnership or Group Praying* ***Matthew 18:19,20***

It would be a tremendous blessing in your life if you seek out another believer in the Assembly to become "prayer partners" with. Ask God to lead you to someone with which you can spend time in prayer together.

1. *Family Praying* ***Acts 10:2,30***

VERY IMPORTANT! This is one of the most, if not the most important time saints should be in prayer. How crucial it is for every person (Husband, Wife, children) to participate in this kind of prayer. This kind of prayer stops the enemy in so many areas, from the trials of husband and wife, to parenting, to assuring the good character instilled in the children, all the way to the gathering of the church. Strong praying families make strong assemblies of believers.

**Personal requirements needed *to get* Prayers answered**

1. *There are four conditions to getting prayers answered.*
2. ***1 John 5:14*** "... according \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ..."

How do we know God's will? (***John 15:7***) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. "... \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ..." ***Matthew 21: 22***
2. ***Psalms 66:18,19*** By not "...r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in my \_ \_ \_ \_ \_..."
3. By asking "...\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_' \_ \_ \_ \_." ***John 14:13,14***
4. Why is it necessary to exercise *faith* when we pray? ***Hebrews 11:6*** ­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. *The Lord always answers real, sincere prayer, but in one of three ways.*
	* + - **YES** - ***Psalms 84:11*** - Good Things
			- **NO** - ***James 4:3*** - Bad Things
			- **WAIT** - ***Luke 11:8*** - How much do you desire it?

"Prayer can be answered in Anger, or denied in Love!" ~Spurgeon~

"For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: *no good* *thing* will he *withhold* from them \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_." ***Psalms 84:11***

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**Things that *will stop* Prayers from getting answered**



1. P \_ \_ \_ \_ ***Luke 18:11-14***
2. ***Proverbs 21:13*** Lack of C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
3. Failure to L \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ to God's word  ***Proverbs 28:9***
4. ***James 1:5-8*** Double-M \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
5. S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ motives  ***James 4:3***
6. ***Psalms 66:18; Isaiah 59:1,2*** Un \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_
7. Stub \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ***Zechariah 7:8-14***
8. ***Colossians 3:18,19***  B \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
9. Poor relationship in M \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ***1 Peter 3:7*** {Grudges}
10. ***1 John 3:22*** Dis-p\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ things
11. Failure to \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ others  ***Mark 11:24,25***
12. ***James 4:2*** Not A \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

How do we get hindrances to our prayers removed?

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

**Things that we *can* and *should* Pray for**

1. ***Romans 10:1***
2. Who was the Apostle Paul concerned about? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. What was his prayer for them? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. ***1 Timothy 2:1-4***
5. What three groups of people do the Scriptures say we should pray for?

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1. What does the Lord want us to pray for in ***Matthew 9:37,38***?

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1. In ***Ephesians 6:18-20*** what should we pray for those who serve the Lord in the Gospel Ministry?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. ***Matthew 5:44*** instructs us to pray for Whom?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. ***1 Samuel 12:23*** says that failure to pray for others is \_ \_ \_.

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1. Look up the Scriptures below and place the things that we can *pray for ourselves* in their proper places.



***James 1:5*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Matthew 26:41*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Psalms 19:14*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Psalms 34:4*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Psalms 37:5*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Psalms 51:2,10*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Psalms 119:18*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Psalms 119:34*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Psalms 119:133*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**A child of God's Prayer should *be with***

* A F \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ spirit ***Matthew 6:14***
* S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ***Matthew 6:5,6***
* H \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ & Repentance

***Luke 18:10-14***

* U \_ \_ \_ \_ of Believers ***Matthew 18:19,20***
* T \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ***Luke 18:1-8***
* I \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ***Luke 11:5-8***
* I \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ***Matthew 7:7-11***
* E \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ***Mark 11:24***
* Without m\_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ ***Matthew 6:7***
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***1 Thessalonians 5:17***

**Important things that *should accompany* Prayer**

* Ador\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ***Daniel 4:34,35***
* C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ***1 John 1:9***
* S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ***1 Timothy 2:1-3***
* Inter\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ***James 5:14,15***
* T \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ***Philippians 4:6***

**Some of the Early Churches *Prayer meeting locations***

* In the U \_ \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ ***Acts 1:13,14***
* In a H \_ \_ \_ \_ ***Acts 12:5-17***
* By a R \_ \_ \_ \_ ***Acts 16:13***
* On a beach S \_ \_ \_ \_ ***Acts 21:5***

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**Things *we should know* about our Lord Jesus Christ's Prayers**

1. *The Nature of the Lord's Prayers*
2. He showed Ador\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ for His Father in His prayers. ***Matthew 11:25-27***
3. He prayed on the behalf of others known as I\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. ***John 17:1-26***
4. His prayers were filled with T\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. ***John 11:41,42***
5. *The occasions of the Lord's Prayers*
6. He prayed at His B\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. ***Luke 3:21,22***
7. He prayed before selecting the A \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. ***Luke 6:12-16***
8. He prayed at His T \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. ***Luke 9:28,29***
9. He prayed in G \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ before His arrest. ***Matthew 26:36-42***

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1. *The times and places of the Lord's prayers*
2. His prayers were in S\_ \_ \_ \_ \_. ***Luke 5:16; 9:18***
3. He prayed in the m\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. ***Mark 1:35***
4. He prayed with o\_ \_ \_ \_ \_. ***Luke 11:1***
5. He went up into the m\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. ***Matthew 14:23***

This concludes our study of the Letter (P) on Prayer. The next step is something you have probably already began to do, and that is to make the Scriptures concerning Prayer part of our persons. It takes practice, but if you will be sincere and continue no matter what, the Holy Ghost will make the matter of talking to the Father both important and needful to you. You will never be sorry that you took the time to commune with your Lord. You will eventually get to where you cannot function or do without it. Praise His Holy name for even counting us worthy of speaking to Him, and that personally! Who would have ever thought, I can talk to GOD! Halleluiah!

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

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