Developing A Lifestyle of Prayer

Charlie Prior December 16, 2018 AM Service Acts 1:14, Acts 2:42, Acts 3:1. Luke 18:1, 1 Thessalonians 5:17, Proverbs 22:6, Matthew 26:41, Hebrews 4:16, Revelation 3:20, Psalms 46:10, Jeremiah 33:3, Matthew 22:38-39, Mark 1:35, Acts 10:9, Romans 8:26-27, Joshua 1:8, John 5:19, John 8:28, 1 John 5:14-15,

Prayer is

God's way of

doing things

"It seems that God doesn't do anything in this world unless somebody prays" **Charles Finney**

God wants to

talk to each

ofus

Through prayer we enter the very presence of God

The Word of God and prayer are the avenues that God uses to change us

Intimacy with God in prayer is a spotlight that exposes everything on the inside of us

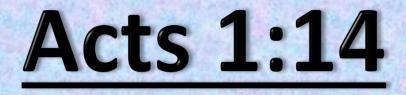
Real prayer is entering to a life transforming life changing relationship with God

True prayer is designed for us to move to God and not God to

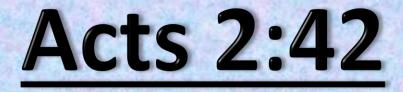
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The more time we spend in prayer with God, the more we will be like Him

In prayer we learn to totally depend on God and He will change us into His own image



And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.



Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.



Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.



And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Pray without

ceasing



Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Prayer needs to become a

lifestyle

Matthew 26:41

Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Little prayer equals little

results

More prayer equals more

results

Great prayer equals great

results

Hebrews 4:16

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Revelation 3:20

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

God wants to spend time, fellowship and commune with us

God knew we would be careless about the cares of life

He have to create space for God in our heart to commune with Him

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Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

Jeremiah 33:3

Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.



This is the first

and great

commandment.



And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

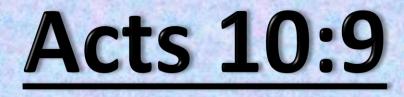
1. Make a time and a

place to pray

You will not find time to pray, you have to make time



And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.



On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour:

We have to get our spirits quiet so we can here from Him

2. Rely on the

Holy Spirit

The Spirit is our helper

Romans 8:26

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.



And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

When we pray in the Holy Ghost, we always pray the will of God

The Holy Spirit will help you in every area of life that you let Him help you

3. Listen to

God

Praying should be as much about listening as talkin

Joshua 1:8

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Speak it, mediate on it, act on it.

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We have to find out what God is doing and follow it



Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.

4. Always base your prayers on the Word of

God



And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:



And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

Go to the Word and find prayers that apply to your situation and pray those scriptures

Pray the answer to your situation with boldness

When you do these things you can overcome anything