



PRAYER MATTERS

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CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD

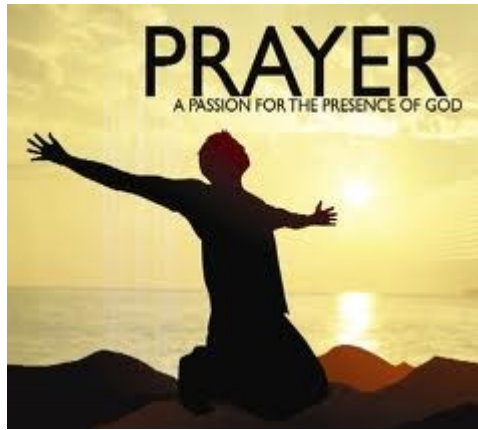


Sermon Connection Bulletin

"Prayer Matters!"

Sunday, October 1st, 2017

PRAYER'S PLACE IN
EVERYDAY LIFE



PRAYER MATTERS NOTES:



"Triumphant In Christ, Victorious In Life!"

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John 15:7 (NKJV) – "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you."

Ephesians 6:18 (NLT) – "Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere."

Philippians 4:6 (NLT) – "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done."

1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NLT) – "Never stop praying."

WHAT IS PRAYER?: Prayer is:

- Prayer is man giving God the legal right and permission to interfere in earth's affairs. Prayer is man giving heaven earthly license to influence earth.
- Prayer is a terrestrial license for celestial interference. Prayer is man exercising his legal authority on earth to invoke heaven's influence on the planet.
- Prayer is proof that your trust God. **Proverbs 3:5 – 6 (KJV)** – "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."
- Prayer is the expression of man's relationship with God and participation in His purposes. Prayer is an expression of mankind's unity and relationship of love with God. An expression of mankind's affirmation of and participation in God's purposes for the earth.
- **PRAYER IS SIMPLY HAVING CONVERSATIONS AND COMMUNICATING WITH GOD, AND ALLOWING THESE CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD TO HAVE A PRIORITY PLACE AND ROLE IN YOUR DAILY LIFE AS A CHRISTIAN BELIEVER.**
- Friends, Prayer is not just an activity, a ritual, or an obligation. It is communion and communication that touches God's heart. **PRAYER IS PRACTICING THE PRESENCE OF GOD! PRAYER IS THEREFORE NOT AN OPTION FOR MANKIND BUT A NECESSITY! IF WE DON'T PRAY, HEAVEN CANNOT INTERFERE IN EARTH'S AFFAIRS. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE TAKE RESPONSIBITLY FOR THE EARTH AND DETERMINE WHAT HAPPENS HERE BY OUR PRAYER LIVES!**
- Heaven needs you to give it license to impact earth. You can make a difference and change the course of history if you will just understand the purpose and power of prayer.

PRAYER TRUTHS TO UNDERSTAND:

- First, we must realize that when prayer does not bring results, it is an indication that something is wrong. God instituted prayer! **Read 1 Timothy 2:1 – 8**
- The Holy Spirit through the Apostle Paul outlines several things in these verses that outline God's purposes of prayer in the life of a believer and the Church:
 - 1st – The Order of Prayers
Supplication = "specific and exact" (1) a petition (2) an entreaty and (3) a humble request
 - 2nd – The Plurality of Prayers
 - 3rd – The People for whom we pray for
- Second, God is faithful to answer prayer. **Read 1 John 5:14, 15** and **Matthew 7:7 –12** and **Matthew 21:22** and **Mark 11:24**
- Third, God's Will and Word do work when they are understood and put into practice. **True Prayer** will do the following: *Build intimacy with God, Bring honor to His nature and character, Cause respect for His integrity, Enable belief in His Word, Cause a trust in His love, Affirm His purposes and will, Appropriate His promises*
- We must pray in a way that embodies the principles God has given us in His Word.
- Prayer is communication with God – believing and receiving what He has already given to us in Jesus. "*Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails*" – **Proverbs 19:21-22**

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