


Basic Habits
Of A Disciple = Prayer

✓Prayer Is An Awesome Privilege

"So let us come boldly to the very throne of God and stay there to receive his mercy and to find grace to help us in our times of need." Heb. 4:16

Prayer is our approach to God, and we are to come boldly.


- Not meekly with heads hung low
- Not flippantly, giving little thought to what we say



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- Come with reverence because He is your King
- Come with bold assurance because He is your Friend and Counselor



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We do not pray alone – Holy Spirit helps us

"In certain ways we are weak, but the Spirit is here to help us. For example, when we don't know what to pray for, the Spirit prays for us in ways that cannot be put into words.

All of our thoughts are known to God. He can understand what is in the mind of the Spirit, as the Spirit prays for God's people"

Rom 8:26 -27




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One of the many things the Holy Spirit does is to help us in prayer

- Can feel a unique closeness to our Father in heaven.
- When we don't know what/how to pray, ask the Holy Spirit to help you



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✓Prayer Is Speaking With God

"The Lord has set apart the redeemed for himself. Therefore he will listen to me and answer when I call to him." Psa. 4:3

Talk with the Living God

- not just talk to the Living God
- Also listen to what He has to tell us


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Prayer Pleases God

"First of all, I ask you to pray for everyone. . . This kind of prayer is good, and it pleases God our Savior." 1Ti 2:1-3

Prayer offered in relationship and in faith pleases God


"... anyone who comes to Him must believe (have faith) that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him. "
Hebrews 11.6b


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Prayer Recognizes God's Position

- He is King of all and in control of all
- God is always in charge, is always present, and hears and answers every prayer
- You don't pray to someone who cannot help
- We come to Him to receive mercy and grace - because He can help



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✓Prayer Allows Us to Voice Our Requests

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."
Phil. 4:6

Prayer Is Better Than Complaining To Others

"But, tormented by thirst, they cried out, "Why did you ever take us out of Egypt? Why did you bring us here to die, with our children and cattle too?" Exod. 17:3



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Again the people of Israel complained about their problem instead of praying.

- They were doubting God's ability to take care of them.

Some problems can be solved by

- careful thought
- by rearranging our priorities
- discussion and good counsel




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But some problems can be solved only by prayer.

- make a determined effort to pray when feel like complaining
- Prayer quiets our thoughts and emotions and prepares us to listen
- Shifts the burden onto the Lord

"Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you." 1Pet. 5:7




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No Person Or Situation Is Beyond The Influence Of Prayer

"... First of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone...for kings, and all in authority 1Tim 2:1-3

- Pray for everyone - No one is out of reach of the power of prayer



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- For kings & those in authority
- Even when we cannot respect men or women in authority, we must respect their offices and pray for them
- They could not be there if God had not let them be there




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Too often we see prayer as getting God to agree to what we want

- Real prayer is knowing God's heart and hearing His voice
- Then coming into agreement with what He wants and praying in agreement with Him

"Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done"




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Someone said: "The purpose of prayer is not to get men's will done in heaven, but to get God's will done on earth."

Prayer helps us better understand the mind of God.

Our prayers won't change God's mind, but they may change our mind.



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Prayer Enables Us to Seek Forgiveness

"Take words with you and return to the LORD. Say to him: 'Forgive all our sins and receive us graciously, that we may offer the fruit of our lips.'" Hos 14:2

A guilty conscience signals that something in our heart needs to be confronted and cleansed

Only real and effective way is to confess our sin before God and ask His forgiveness.




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Prayer Helps Us Overcome Worry

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything . . . present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Phil 4:6 -7



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Prayer Increases Our Spiritual Knowledge and Maturity

"Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know." Jer 33:3


A growing and mature Christian is someone who seeks God and His guidance daily.

The more you commune with God, He will open your eyes to who He is and how He works


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 ✓Make Prayer A Priority


- Know that prayer is a way to see what God is doing
- Understand that a prayerless life is a powerless life
- Understand that a prayerless life is sin against God

"As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by failing to pray for you." 1Sam 12:23


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- Realize that we do not possess because we do not pray

"... You do not have, because you do not ask God." James 4.2


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 ✓How We Should Pray

- Pray with an attitude of deep respect for God.
- Pray with confidence in God's grace.
- Pray with humility, honesty and sincerity.
- Pray with expectation to receive.