



My New Life: Prayer

Prayer is our opportunity to speak with God

What is Prayer?

Prayer is communication with God. Yes, as a believer in Christ you now have access directly to your Father, (Romans 5:1-2)

With all the new technology it is easy to lose the real communication between you and others, but no technology can take away that real personal time with God, only you can. To communicate with others in a sincere way, takes time and effort and more than just texting, or any other means of communicating through a device.

To communicate with God, you must develop a time that you can stop what you are doing in the business of the day and talk with God, yes talk with God. If you don't you will never experience that close, intimate relationship God desires to have with you. **Yes**, God does desire to have a close intimate relationship with you.

While there are other things that need to be found in your life to maintain a close intimate relationship with God, prayer is one of the main things. You cannot neglect prayer and experience what God has for you or to fully understand God's plan and purpose for your life.

Prayer is more than just asking God for stuff. Prayer is a time where you talk to God. Telling Him thank you for the things he has done for you. It's a time of meditation, just absorbing the presence of God. It's about asking for directions in your life. Prayer is just like talking to your very best friend. Open up, and share your heart, seek to know Him more, ask for what you need and for the needs of others. Prayer is also about having a willingness to listen to God as much as you are talking with God.

PRAYER IS PERSONAL

Prayer is personal because it is communication between you and God, (Matthew 6:6). There are no two relationships the same with God.

PRAYER IS VITAL

Prayer is not an option if you are interested in keeping a right relationship with God. Throughout Scripture you will find the need to pray for all areas of your life, for instance look up these scriptures in your Bible and study them...

To find steadfastness, **2 Thessalonians 3:5**;

To find holiness before God, **1 Thessalonians 3:10-13**;

To find greater wisdom and power, **Ephesians 1:18-19**;

To find inward strength and the fullness of God, **Ephesians 3:16-19**;

To find discernment and being filled with righteousness, **Philippians 1:9-11**;

To find knowledge of God's will and spiritual understanding, **Colossians 1:9-12**.

GOD SAYS...

Romans 5:1-2

"Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God."

Matthew 6:6

"But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly."

James 5:16-18

"Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit."