

PRAYER @ HOME

DEVELOPING AN ATMOSPHERE OF PRAYER IN THE HOME

MATTHEW 6:5-7

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LET'S TALK

CREATING A CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW AT HOME

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Introduction to the Text;

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I wanna first of all say that “I wish I was an expert on this topic this morning. I wish I could tell you that I’ve got it down to a science. If I were to write a book I would make sure it’s not on this topic because I feel so unqualified and weak to discuss this topic of prayer.

Yet I can tell you that prayer is a very big part of my life.

As a Christian there is no greater thing I can do than to pray.

Prayer – What is it?

The answer I hope surprises you and encourages you.

True Prayer is The Constant Awareness of God’s Presence

As We Respond to Him in The Experience.

Jesus Prayed. – John 17

(what was on the inside of Jesus came out in prayer)

Our prayer life is like a blood test.
It tells us what's really happening on the inside.

T.A.L.K.

Telling God what's on your heart and mind.

Anticipating Him to answer you with His perfect answer.

Listening for God to speak to you through His Word.

Knowing that what He knows about you is perfectly fit for eternity.

Be Encouraged.

We have a great example for us. At the temple where worship was to be offered up, people would come and present their tithes, their offerings, their prayers.

The Widows Mite, in Light of Prayer, is the Perfect Picture-Lesson for us.

Jesus didn't commend the amount of her offering – it was two mites.

Jesus didn't commend the length of her offering – it happened in a moment.

What Jesus did acknowledge was her heart in the offering.

Luke 21:3-4

So He said, "Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all; 4 for all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had."

(I am convinced she could have given God a banana and He would have loved it because it was all she had)

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LET'S TALK SAYS GOD

1.) T - is for Telling

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what does it mean to **tell** God about whatever is going on in your life?
Well what does it mean to tell a friend about the stuff of your life?

Matt. 6:8

“...For your Father knows the things you have need of **before you ask Him.**

When we Tell, speak, express to the Lord our concerns,
A dialogue is in the making – this is His desire.

It's in the **relating** that we experience God **personally.**

Church - We can communicate but never talk.
We can communicate the fact that we have bills to pay but never sit down and just talk.

So What Do We Do?

We need to see prayer as a connection;
as a wonderful, glad and happy avenue to go to or to be on.

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2.) A - is for Anticipating

pray to your Father who is in the secret place;

Jesus encourages us to get alone with God.

Every Christian should have heard God by now say – come away.

Luke 11:1

Now it came to pass, as He (Jesus) was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, *that* one of His disciples said to Him, “Lord, **teach us** to pray,

I am big on creating a secret (special) place.

In my secret place I do secret things – like, pray standing up. pray laying down. I pray with my eyes closed, open, words out loud, silent...

My Hebrew Prayer Shawl.

“Lord, **teach us** to pray,

These good Jewish boys saw in Jesus a whole new way of praying and relating to the Father in heaven.

So Much So They Asked Him - - **Teach Us That !!!**

Jer. 29:12-13

Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. **13**
And you will seek Me and find *Me*, when you search for Me with all your heart.

So What Do We Do?

We must be very deliberate, intentional about TALKING to God.

We must anticipate His answer and wait for it.

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3.) L - is for Listening

and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

PRAYING

Connects us to **God's supply** for all we need in life.

Phil. 4:6-7

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; **7** and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Satan 4:6-7

Be anxious about everything, and about everything - do not pray or cry out to God, complain about everything, let your requests stay in your own mouth; **7** and panic like you have never known before will embitter your hearts and minds through a whole heap of worry.

SIT AND LISTEN – THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR THIS

I often hear people say

“I prayed to God today” or “I read my Bible today”
but nothing ever changes because you did not pray & did not read,
you ran through a religious routine and got nothing out of it – why?
(there was no reality to it all - - only routine)

So What Do We Do?

A Tip for Listening. After I have prayed I then fully expect
to get the answer from my Bible.

Praying “Bible” and Listening for “Bible”
is our guarantee because - -

It **shapes** our request. It **conforms** our will. It **emboldens** our faith

John 15:7-8

If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. **8** By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

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4.) K – is for Knowing

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Our Christian Life is Dynamic - to Say The Least.
Life is Hard and Getting Harder – ***what shall we do?***

If Jesus was God on earth – Deity in Flesh – God Incarnate.
And yet He prayed often, if not all the time – then how much more should we
TALK WITH GOD.

There is no greater prayer in all of history than that which is recorded in John 17

A Praying Home, Family & Couple Generates:
Compassion / Awareness / Hope / Vision / Servanthood / Humility

Luke 22:46

Then He said to them, “Why do you sleep? Rise and **PRAY**,
or else you will enter into temptation.”

Dear Church,

It's no wonder that marriages are struggling and your kids are rebellious and your world seems like its collapsing – maybe it is because of what's not happening in your real day to day life (as opposed to sitting in church an hour or two a week)

Have you ever prayed for something

in your life and then received it?

Was it a clear answer to your request?

Was it your spouse – God give me a spouse but now....

Was it your child – God give us this child but now....

Was it your job – God give me this job but now....

God didn't make a mistake - - you've mismanaged the answer.

The child has become an idol. The wife has become a pain and the husband has become a dud.

So What Do We Do?

1Th. 5:17

pray without **ceasing**,

pray προσεύχομαι *proseuchomai*, *pros-yoo'-khom-ahee*; from 4314 and 2172; to “go to” God. It's an act of “**worship**” and it's “**the way**” into.

ceasing ἀδιαλείπτως *adialeiptos*, *ad-ee-al-ipe'-toce*; adverb from 88; uninterruptedly. perpetual. continuous. non-stop. ongoing.

Jesus said my Father's house shall be a house of prayer, not a house of Bible study, not a house of worship, not a house of service but a house of prayer.

Back in)))) we conducted a poll here at church with you and you answered anonymously to some very simple questions about what happens in your life and in your home.

STOP SEEING PRAYER AS AN OBSTACLE / A HURDLE

Why do we make prayer such a hard thing?

What does prayer do?
Why pray?
Communication or conversation = it should be an ongoing dialogue.

**Based on Our Internal Poll Here @ Church
We need to start you out easy with 7-5-2 but...**

The Daily Do's for Mom and Dad

Daily Do #1

Literally put your hand on your child's head or shoulder and pray a blessing on them before they/you leave the house.

Daily Do #2

Literally Text, Call or Tweet your child to remind them that they are being prayed for throughout the day.

Daily Do #3

Literally put them to bed with a prayer of thanks & a blessing and let them hear you say it over them.

The Daily Do's for Husband and Wife

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Literally put your hand on your spouse's head or shoulder and pray a blessing on them before they/you leave the house.

Daily Do #2

Literally Text, Call or Tweet your spouse to remind them that they are being prayed for throughout the day.

Daily Do #3

Literally put them to bed with a prayer of thanks & a blessing and them hear you say it over them.

When we do prayer the way God wants us to - -
then our kids, husbands, wives are going to say “teach me to pray”

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Let’s Stand Before The Lord

>>>> **The Cross, The Christ, The Call** <<<<

Come Forward for Prayer

End of Study

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