

If God is entirely in charge, if He can do everything without our help, if He knows the beginning from the end, and indeed He is all of that. The question then becomes why pray.

DAY ONE:

1. Read the following and record insights on prayer.
  - a. John 14: 11-14
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. John 16: 19-22 (to give context)  
16: 23-24
  
2. What two things are gained from prayer in these two passages?  
How do they relate to each other?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Read John 15: 4-5, 7-8, 16 note insights especially What's the connection between answered prayer and bearing fruit?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Sometimes we see how to pray by seeing how not to pray.  
Read James 4: 1-5 and record insights.  
What is the matter with their prayer?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. Read the following and record insights.  
Philippians 4:4-7

6. Define the following from Philippians 4:6
  - a. Prayer
  - b. supplication
  - c. requests

Any new insights?

DAY TWO:

In response to the request, “teach us to pray”, Jesus gives not a prayer but a pattern. We are going to look at this pattern not for all the answers but for some.

1. Read Luke 11: 2a and b and /Matthew 6: 9a and b.
2. Read the following for insights into starting prayer this way.
  - a. I John 3: 1-3
  - b. Galatians 2:19
  - c. Galatians 4: 4-7
  - d. Romans 8: 14-17

- e. Romans 8: 29-30
  
  - f. I Corinthians 8:6
  
  
  - g. Ii Corinthians 6: 16-18
3. What does this say to you about your access and attitude in prayer?
4. Read Luke 11: 2c and Matthew 6:9c
5. Define
- a. hallowed
  
  
  - b. name
6. Read the following and record insights on God's name.
- a. Matthew 10:22
  
  
  - b. Ii Samuel 22: 47-50

- c. Hebrews 13:15
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- 7. We have already looked at how totally holy our God is, but take a few minutes and think about how our prayers testify to whether we hold His name and His character in holy respect and awe. Record insights.

DAY THREE:

- 1. Read Luke 11:2c and Matthew 6:10.
  
- 2. Read Isaiah 9: 6-7.
  
- 3. What do you understand of the government being on His shoulders and increasing?
  
- 4. Read the following for additional insights.
  - a. Matthew 28:18
  
  - b. Hebrews 2: 7-8
  
  - c. I Corinthians 15: 24-25

d. Ephesians 1: 18-22

e. Colossians 1: 15-20

f. John 12:31

5, Paul understood. Read the following and record insights.

a. Ephesians 1:9-12

b. Philippians 1: 9-11

c. Colossians 1; 9-14

5. What if your heart was always turned toward His kingdom in your life and your world?

DAY FOUR:

1. Read Luke 11:3 and Matthew 6:11

2. Read I Peter 4: 11 and note God's provision.

3. If you gave the Lord credit for every provision in your life, what would your prayers include beside requests?

4. Read and record insights concerning gratitude.

a. Colossians 3:17

b. I Thessalonians 5:18

c. Ephesians 5:20

d. Psalm 13: 6

e. Psalm 68:19

f. Psalm 92: 1-4

5. Read Luke 11:4a and b and Matthew 6:12.

6. Your sins are forgiven, why would there be any thought of them in prayer?

7. Read I John 1: 5 through 2:2.

To get real insight you must define confess verse 7

8. How is honesty about sin a deterrent to sin?

DAY FIVE:

1. Read Colossians 3:12-14 for insight into forgiving others.
2. Read Matthew 18:23-35. Are you in this story?

God never tempts anyone to sin, however, we do need His strength to withstand.

3. Read the following for insights into temptation.
  - a. James 1: 2-7
  - b. James 1: 13-14
  - c. I Corinthians 10: 12-13
  - d. Ephesians 6: 10-13, 18

Finally

What is the real reward of continuous prayer?

1. Read the following and record insights.
  - a. Psalm 73: 25-26

- b. Psalm 27: 4
  
- c. Psalm 16: 2, 5, 11
  
  
- d. Psalm 36: 7-9
  
  
- e. Psalm 42: 1