

Why Should We Pray?

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You need to build a character in line with God.

Through building with God, our character becomes filled with prayers.

Three things prayers will do ...

1. You pray because God wants to meet with you.

Praying is about having an appointment with God.

It is God's need that He wants and desire to fellowship with you.

Usually distraction in life breaks that fellowship. And when it breaks the fellowship, it breaks the desire.

So... what is prayer?

Prayer is ministering to God while spending time with Him.

Ministering talks about service, serving others.

(Luke 10:41) And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things.

(Luke 10:42) But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

The one thing that you have with God is that good part is your prayers.

Prayer is not lost; prayer is given out. Prayer is something that cannot be lost.

The decision to put that attitude right brings power.

Prayer is essentially pleasing God because while you pray, God watches the way. "The way" you minister and talk. It becomes a reflection of yourself.

(Matthew 6:33) But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

When you are able to touch God, that is the highest ministry.

So... does your prayer even touch yourself?

2. You pray to maintain the fullest of the Holy Spirit.

Speaking in tongues is to be inspired by the Holy Spirit. And this inspiration is a power.

Speaking in tongues will change your character. Because it fills you with such inspiration that will ignite your character.

Allow words to come out of your mouth.

(Mark 14:37) Then He came and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "Simon, are you sleeping? Could you not watch one hour?"

(Mark 14:38) Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

When you pray, one thing you are doing is that you are **inviting the presence**. You should not be expecting answers from God immediately thinking that is a "heavenly SMS" system. And when the presence of the Holy Spirit comes, it will fill you. Starting to fill inspired and completed.

3. Through prayers, you can win the lost.

Evangelism can only work through prayer. Programs (Christmas, Easter, etc...) are there to pull in people but prayers make it a success.

(Ephesians 6:12) For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Christians are supposed to fight to win souls.

So... how much do you pray to invite your friends?

(Mark 3:27) No one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. And then he will plunder his house.

Be it success in anything you do, you have to bind that strong man or arena of the place.

People take so much time to finish their work is simply because they do not pray enough.

Prayer should be your beginning and the end. The start and end of something you do and done.

Conclusion...

Reevaluate your prayer. If you feel you are at level one of prayers, go up to another higher level.

When you pray, you should pray...

Clearly – God wants intelligence prayers. Pray with your heart and what is deep inside. Present your burdens to God.

When your prayer has no focus or direction, it is not a heart felt prayer. Prayer that never touch you will never touch God.

Understanding – Run through the prayer in your mind when praying. So you know what you are praying for.

Be Persistent – Be so persistent that you will feel so impressing in your heart for that breakthrough.

Prayer becomes character.

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