

Prayer 3

Prayer is the link between us and God. It is that direct line we have to enjoy the creator of heaven and earth.

(Practical Steps to help us in our prayer life)

1. **Don't give up in prayer.** The gospel of Luke 18:1
“Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not to lose heart”.

Yes, we have hindrances in our lives that stop our prayers been heard, but we have to preserve through these hindrances. When I sin I will get up, repent, and praise my God in a prayer time of thanksgiving for His forgiveness.

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2. Consistent prayer patterns contribute to a victorious prayer life.

Make consistent prayer patterns for your life of prayer. Give thanks to God everyday, again and again, praise His name. Make it a daily routine to praise and worship Him every morning. Pray with your family, in the car, at home, before a meal, and in every situation. Make the patterns of your life, the life of prayer.

3. Remember that value of prayer is not in the answers we receive, but in time we spend with Him.

God values the time we spend with Him more than anything else.

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4. *Do Not Lose Heart in waiting for Answers to prayer.*

Remember we are in spiritual warfare against the evil spirits, they love us to lose heart in prayer. But through prayer we defeat them. Remember that our God is a faithful God. He said in John 14:1-2 “Let not your heart be troubled, you believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.” Psalm 145:15 Said “ The eyes of all look expectantly to you. And You give them their food in due season”.

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5. Cut your relationship with Sin and be united with Christ.

Romans 6:5-6 “For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection. Knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with that we should no longer be slaves of sin.” We need to cut our relationship with sin. If you have a friend that leads you to sin, there is only one answer, cut this relationship, and be united with Christ. Be united with the body of the Lord and with faithful Christians.

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6. Resist the Devil.

In our prayer life we ought to resist the temptation of the devil. James 4:7 “Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

7. Do not instruct God what to do.

We often like to ask God and tell Him what to do. Pray and trust in Him. Isaiah 55:8-9 said “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth. So my ways higher than your way. And My thoughts than your thoughts.”

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8. Be honest with God, do not hide anything from Him.

Psalm 139:23-24 “Search me O God and know my heart. Try me and know my anxieties. And see if there is any wicked way in me. And lead me in the way everlasting.”

Remember God knows everything about us, and He is waiting to hear from us. Do not hide anything from Him, for he knows.

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9. Be creative in your prayer time.

We have learned that we ought to resist the devil, but we need to go even deeper than that. We need to be creative in our prayer life, to enjoy our time of prayer.

Spend some time in praise and worship, then wait before Him, then confess your sins, and pray through the word of God the Bible. Then give Him the glory, a time of thanksgiving for everything He has done. Finally put your request before Him, battle with God for His blessing.