

Haven't Got a Prayer Part 1 – Power Play

Prayer is one of the most important and most _____ activities of the Christian life.

Our goal is to break some of the traditional religious preconceptions about prayer.

Prayer is about _____ with God and what He is doing. It's about Him changing us, not us changing Him!

Luke 11:1-13

The Need for Prayer (Vs. 1)

- Seeing the pattern of prayer in Jesus' life, the disciples realized their need for it.
- Prayer was how Jesus _____ with His father.
- If prayer was so _____ to Jesus, why do we imagine we can skip it!

A Model for Prayer(Vs. 2-3)

- This prayer is not a magic formula or a ritual to follow, but simply a _____.
- It was common for religious teachers of the day to give followers model prayers.
- Jesus teaches good _____ of prayer, but never meant this to be the only way to pray

Prayer Focuses on God, not us!

Our prayers should be pleas for God to _____, not grocery lists

Continual Dependence on God

_____ on God every day is a lost art

Understanding God's Forgiveness

You can't be right with God if you're not right with _____

Resisting Temptation

Pray to stand strong in times of _____

Boldness in Prayer(Vs. 5-8)

Parable of the desperate neighbor

- Palestinian Home: One _____, family sleeping on one floor mat, heavy bolt on the door
- Honor: Having nothing to offer a guest would be a grave _____, not helping a neighbor an equal insult.
- In defense of his good _____, the man will get up and help his neighbor.

We can be bold in our prayers when we call on God to

_____!

Not annoying persistence, but boldly asking God to show his glory!

_____ God on behalf of His power and glory.

What to Pray For (Vs. 9-13)

- These verses do not give us a blank check.
- You will not be refused when you ask for _____. He might give you your specific request or something better.



- If you are praying in order to _____ with God and what He is doing, you will not be disappointed!

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The "Good Gift"

- The "good gift" is the _____ at Salvation!
- All our prayers should be focused on the fact that we have the _____ of the Holy Spirit within us!
- When we pray for God to _____ Himself in a situation, He will do it! And because we have the good gift of the Holy Spirit, He can do it _____!

Conclusion

Prayer is about _____, not us! The point is to connect us to God and what He is doing.

A prayerless life is a _____ life because it is not focused on God.

When you pray are you focused on your own needs and wants or on God's _____?

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1. What are 2 reasons that prayer is often neglected among Christians?

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2. What is the connection between the Palestinian concept of honor and the way we should pray?

3. How do we know that the Lord's prayer was not meant to be the only way we can pray?

4. If Luke 11:9 does not mean that we can just get whatever we want, what does it mean?

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