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# The Importance of Prayer.



1 Peter 3:12

*For the eyes of the Lord are on the  
righteous and his ears are attentive to  
their prayer*



# Philippians 4

• **6** *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.* **7** *And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*



*Psalm 32:6,8....*

*6 Therefore let all the faithful pray to you  
while you may be found;*

*8 I will instruct you and teach you in the  
way you should go; I will counsel you with  
my loving eye on you.*



*• Many times, we don't realize how important prayer is until prayer is the only thing we have left.*



# I. What does the Bible tell us about the importance of prayer?

- **Luke 18:1**

- **18 Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up**



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A. Because prayer makes us more like Jesus.

- *Luke 5:16*

- *But Jesus often withdrew to the wilderness for  
prayer.*





I. **What does the Bible tell us about the importance of prayer?**

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• ***Luke 6:12***

***One day soon afterward Jesus went up on a mountain to pray, and he prayed to God all night.***

I. **What does the Bible tell us about the importance of prayer?**

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- ***Luke 9:28***

- ***Now it came to pass, about eight days after these sayings, that He took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray.***

I. **What does the Bible tell us about the importance of prayer?**

A. **Because prayer makes us more like Jesus.**

- When He faced the death of His friend Lazarus, He prayed



## John 11

*40. Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" 41 So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."*



I. **What does the Bible tell us about the importance of prayer?**

A. **Because prayer makes us more like Jesus.**

- When he saw the people in need of food, before he fed the 5000, He prayed.



- Matt. 14

- 17 *“We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered. 18 “Bring them here to me,” he said. 19 And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves.*



# What does the Bible tell us about the importance of prayer?

A. **Because prayer makes us more like Jesus.**

- In the Garden before He was taken by the Romans , He prayed.



- Matt. 26

- 36 *Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here, while I go over there and pray.”*

- 39 *And going a little farther He fell on His face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.”*





# What does the Bible tell us about the importance of prayer?

A. **Because prayer makes us more like Jesus.**

- Even as he was hanging from the cross,  
He prayed for His enemies.



- Luke 23:34

*"Then **Jesus said**, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they're doing...'*

- Luke 18:1

*18 Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.*



# What does the Bible tell us about the importance of prayer?

B. Because prayer helps us overcome the worries and anxieties of life.

- Philippians 4

6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, **by prayer and petition**, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

# What does the Bible tell us about the importance of prayer?

C. Because it will help us to be renewed or encouraged when we are tired from life's adverse situations.

- Psalm 51

<sup>10</sup> Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.



# What does the Bible tell us about the importance of prayer?

D. Prayer is important because it provides answers.

- John 11
- **41** *"Father, I thank you that you have heard me.*
- **42.** *I knew that you always hear me*



# What does the Bible tell us about the importance of prayer?

E. Prayer helps you find direction in your life.

- Psalm 32:6,8.... <sup>6</sup> *Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found;*
- <sup>8</sup> *I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.*



# What does the Bible tell us about the importance of prayer?

- A. F. Prayer gives you strength to avoid temptation.
- Matthew 26:41  
*“Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation”*



# How should we pray?

- With Confidence:

- Hebrews 4:16

<sup>16</sup> *Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.*





# How should we pray?

- With humbleness:

2 Chronicles 7:14

• <sup>14</sup> *if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.*





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