

SEEKING GOD

Seeking God Through Prayer

- Prayer is a **Blessing** because it is given to us as a **Gift** by God
- Main Purpose of Prayer is to **connect** and **communicate** with God and **Expect** Answers from God.
- The Biblical writers are far more interested in **showing people at prayer** than in telling about prayer
- In the Area of Prayer “More is caught than taught.” Join others in Prayer

3 Insights that I have learned about Prayer:

- 1st Insight We Need to
Have our Hearts Right before God
- One important aspect to our Prayer Lives is actually **OURSELVES.**
- Prayers that are meaningful and listened to by God come from our heart
- Those who worship God must worship Him in Spirit and Truth

1st Insight -Have our Hearts Right before God

- Sometimes WE may need to ask God to **correct our hearts** before we come to him in Prayer.
- Many times in the Bible people were commended for serving the Lord **Whole Heartedly**.
- Compared to those who had a **hard heart** or those who heart had other affections, desires or plans or selfishness that squeezed God out of being Lord of our lives.

1st Insight -Have our Hearts Right before God

- God said that we are to love Him with all our heart, all our mind, all our soul, and all our strength.
- David was commended by God because He was **a man after** God's Heart
- The Psalms are Prayers to God

2nd Insight- We Are to be Honest with God When We Pray

- We cannot connect with someone who we are not honest with.
- There is **no genuine connection** because of the falsehood, there is only a false connection or a surface connection
- We cannot even be a friend to someone we **do not trust**

2nd Insight- We Are to be Honest with God When We Pray

- The Truth is God knows exactly the condition of our hearts and the things we have done in our lives and yet He knows that we are frail and corrupted by sin
- So let us come to God in honesty, Put on the Belt of Truth, speak the truth and come to God, for we serve an Honest God
- Jesus loves us as we are.

2nd Insight- We Are to be Honest with God When We Pray

- We cannot have a relationship based on fear
- Fear of **being found out** or a fear of **rejection** or a fear of **punishment** or fear of **losing something** that is not good for us
- Perfect Love cast out all fear
- Our Abba Father who loves us so much that He would give His Only Son Jesus to live on this earth and die on the Cross for all our Sins

3rd Insight- We Need to Allow God to Change Us and our Prayer Requests

- God has to change how we pray, and our motives in prayer and to strengthen us in prayer, But God always says to come to Him
- God may point out areas in our lives that need to be changed and to be more like Jesus
- So we need to be **open to God** and **His work** in our lives.
- **Confess our need and our desire for change**

3rd Insight- We Need to Allow God to Change Us and our Prayer Requests

- God **sensitizes our spirit** to Him so that we can Hear God
- Through Prayer we are **assured of our connection** with God **through Jesus**,
- Through Prayer we learn **how to Listen** to God and **know** what God wants to say to us
- We can have the **mind of Christ** and know what Jesus wants to do in a situation,

3rd Insight- We Need to Allow God to Change Us and our Prayer Requests

- We can be **filled with the Holy Spirit** and allow the Holy Spirit to have different parts of our lives
- We can be **changed** through prayer – our **hearts** (our desires, affections), **minds** (our thoughts, **wills** (God realigns our wills to His), **attitudes**, **plans**, have **confession** of sins & **repentance** from those sins and wrong thinking.
- We will grow in our prayer life, by being **closer to God** and His plan to make us **more like Jesus**.

Every Time We Pray let us make sure that :

- We Have our Hearts right before God;
- We Are Honest with God when we pray;
- We Allow God to Change us and our Prayer Requests

Intercessors & Intercession

- Intercession is the action of intervening on behalf of another or someone through prayer
- Intercessors are people who are interceding
- **Marks of a true intercessors:** have a sense of the need of souls, Christlike love in the heart, consciousness of personal impotence or lack or humility. They have Faith in the power of prayer, courage to persevere inspite of refusal, and assurance of an abundant reward. If you find yourself, thinking and praying for something again and again. You are an intercessor.

7 Levels of Prayer

- 1) **Infancy**- recite prayers, bless(food)
- 2) **Induction**-praying out of duty or obligation
- 3) **Initiation**-concern for others
- 4) **Imitation**-inner desire to grow, learn, expand
- 5) **Intercession**-intense passion, spiritual battles
- 6) **Investigation**- Watchman
- 7) **Invasion**-God's Kingdom & God's Glory

II) Seeking God Through Devotions

- **We devote** a period of time to spend time with God. “Devotions”
- **7 Spiritual Growth Pathways to God**
 - * **We feel closest to God when we do one of these ways**
- Soaking by Julie True (can found on YouTube)

7 Spiritual Growth Pathways to God

- 1) Are surrounded by God's **Creation**
- 2) Reading and Studying God's Word and other Devotional books - **Intellectual**
- 3) With a **Group of People** Sharing together
- 4) Helping or **Serving** Others
- 5) Excited in **Worshipping** God
- 6) They like being alone with God - **Solitude**
- 7) When they are standing up for **Justice** – right the wrongs & make the world as God intended

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Benefits of Soaking

- Experience the presence of God
- Receive revelation knowledge of God's kingdom.
- Be refreshed and renewed
- Be stirred prophetically
- Interact with the Holy Spirit.
- Receive Healing and Deliverance

