

Ignite Prayer - Hindrances to Prayer

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Why bother with prayer?

Prayer is an act of rebellion against evil in all its forms. It is warfare against the things that destroy.

God's commands to pray:

Psalm 2:8 _____

Jeremiah 33:3 _____

Matthew 7:7-8 _____

These are conditional promises: If _____ then _____.

Biblical reasons to pray:

- 1) To _____ God: John 14:13
- 2) To _____ God's Commands 1 Thessalonians 5:17
- 3) To have fellowship/communicate with God: Colossians 3:15; Proverbs 15:8; Psalm 69:13
- 4) To follow the _____ of Jesus: Matthew 14:23
- 5) To meet Christ's expectations of believers (Matthew 6:6-13)
- 6) To _____ in Spirit
- 7) To remove Mountains of trouble for God's glory (Matthew 17:20)
- 8) To _____ for the unsaved (Romans 10:1; Psalm 2:8)
- 9) To raise up workers and resources (Matthew 9:28)
- 10) To _____ the unbelievable and believe it! (Acts 12:5; 13-17)

Common Barriers to Effective Prayer:

- 1) No relationship with God (Romans 8:15-16; Hebrews 12:6; 1 Cor. 3:18)
- 2) Satanic attack against a godly walk (Ephesians 6:10-20; Daniel 10:12-13)
- 3) Un-confessed sin (Isaiah 59:2; Psalm 66:18)
- 4) Pride (a major issue) James 4:6; 1 Peter 5:5-7
- 5) Doubt/unbelief (Hebrews 11:6; James 1:6-8; Mark 11:22-25)
 - a. Four Barriers to prayer the prayer of faith
 - i. Search the Scriptures
 - ii. Search your Motives
 - iii. Search for Guidance Principles (5 Ws)
 - iv. Stand your Ground
- 6) Un-forgiveness (Matthew 18: 21-35)
- 7) Lack of harmony in marriage/relationships (1 Peter 3:7)
- 8) "Busy-ness" (Ephesians 5:16)
- 9) Selfishness (James 4:3)
- 10) Common distractions...