

17. What are some of the requirements for prayer? (1 John 3:22-23)

18. What does unconfessed sin do to our prayer? (Psalm 66:18)

19. Read Matthew 6:9-13 –Write down any observations and applications we can make about prayer from this passage:

It might be helpful to spend a little time in prayer as you do this study. Praise Him for who He is and what He is doing and will do. Acknowledge your trust in His will and way. Ask for Him to provide what you need. Ask him to help you with your relationships. Ask Him for forgiveness and help when it comes to areas of temptation and sin. It has been said that prayer is like a muscle, the more you use it, the stronger it gets. He wants to hear from you!

Thank you for taking the time to do this study. We will go over these questions together when we meet. If you are not sure how to answer any question, just put a question mark beside it. That is just fine.



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The POWER of PRAYER STUDIES

Bible Studies on Prayer (4 lessons)

Lesson #1: – *For Personal Discovery*

This is the first lesson in a series of four practical, personal discovery Bible studies concerning what the Bible says about prayer.

The Bible consists of 66 books, with two major parts, the Old Testament and the New Testament. The references used at the end of each question indicate the book of the Bible, the chapter and the verse in which the answer is found.

For example, (John 16:33) means: The Gospel of John, Chapter 16, Verse 33.

Read each question, look up the verse, and write the answer (from the verse), as clearly and briefly as possible in the space provided. We will meet soon to go over this lesson and then move on to Lesson #2.

You are welcome to use your own Bible, but I will gladly provide one for you if you do not have one. Thank you for taking the time to do these studies. I will be praying for you this week!

Why should you...

...be interested in the Word of God?

- If you are **WORRIED**,
it will give you... (John 16:33) _____
- If you are **BOUND**,
it will give you... (John 8:32) _____
- If you are **DISCOURAGED**,
it will give you... (John 15:11) _____
- If you are only **EXISTING**,
it will give you... (John 20:31) _____

Just a few thoughts as we begin:

- The Bible is God's Word and has answers to real life questions.
- God is speaking to you when you read His Word.
- We will see what God says about some very important questions.
- My role in this is to walk with you through the studies. (Acts 8)
- But it is God who gives you understanding of His Word.
- What is important is what God says...His answers to each question!

1. What privilege do I enjoy as a disciple of Christ? (John 16:24)

2. What does Jesus do for those in whom His Word abides? (John 15:7)

3. When can we be sure that God hears our prayers? (John 9:31)

4. In whose name are we instructed to ask/pray? (John 14:13,14)

WAYS and TIMES

5. In obedience to Christ's commands, what did Christ's disciples do? (Acts 1:13, 14)

6. What kind of example did Christ set concerning prayer? Name at least 2 characteristics (Mark 1:35)

7. David is called a man after God's own heart.

What was his daily practice? (Psalm 5:3) _____

8. What are proper times for prayer and praise? (Psalm 63:6)

9. When can we pray? (Psalm 50:15) _____

PURPOSE and PRIVILEGE

10. What is being requested by the apostles? (Acts 4:29)

11. What is God's reaction to prayer? (Proverbs 15:8)

12. TO WHOM do we pray? (Matthew 6:9) _____

13. THROUGH WHOM do we pray (In who's name)? (John 14:6,13,14)

14. IN WHOM do we pray?
(Ephesians 6:18; Jude 20) _____

15. How many mediators are there between us and God?
Who is that mediator? (1 Timothy 2:5)

16. What does praying help us overcome? What are some parts of prayer referred to? What else does it do? (Philippians 4:6,7)

23. What does God promise in Psalm 84:11-12?

24. Acts 4:23-31 – Write down any observations and applications we can make about prayer from this passage:

This week, take some time to pray! Use the A.C.T.S. acronym! Also remember, our time in God's Word equips us to be able to pray. We get better at Adoration, we are led to Confession, we are reminded to be Thankful, and we trust a God who hears and answers our Supplications.

Additional Questions/Notes:



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Lesson #2: A.C.T.S. *For Personal Discovery*

In lesson 1 we were introduced to many truths about prayer and finished observing the Lord's Prayer. Hopefully, you were able to have more confidence in your prayers as you learned about prayer and practiced prayer.

In this lesson we will learn about an acronym that can help us to navigate different aspects of our times of prayer. The acronym is: A.C.T.S. which stands for:

Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication

Thank you for taking the time to do these studies.

The first four questions are answered in ROMANS 8:26-27

1. Why do we need the Holy Spirit's help in prayer?

2. How does He help us pray? _____

3. What do we learn about God in these verses?

4. Whose will directs the Holy Spirit's intercession?

5. Whose will should we be seeking when we pray (1 John 5:14-15)

PROCEDURE – Four 'areas' of prayer that should be a part of one's prayer life...

ADORATION

6. According to these verses, why should we praise God?

Jeremiah 32:17:

1 John 4:10:

Philippians 1:6

7. What does the Psalmist instruct himself to do in Psalm 103:1-4?

8. What things about God are being declared in Psalm 19:1-3?

CONFESSION

9. What will hinder fellowship (including prayer) with God? (Isaiah 59:1-2)

10. What did David conclude God wanted of Him? (Psalm 51:3,7,16-17)

11. What should you do if you find your fellowship with God broken? (1 John 1:9)

THANKSGIVING

12. What is the best way to show gratitude, faith, and trust in God in all circumstances? (Philippians 4:6)

13. What is expected of us by God in our prayer life (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

14. Why should we give thanks in everything? (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

15. How often should we give thanks to God? (Hebrews 13:15)

16. What should we be thankful for? (Ephesians 5:20)

SUPPLICATION

17. What did Paul pray for the Christians at Colossae? (Colossians 1:3,9)

18. Why should we expect God to answer our prayers? (John 16:24)

19. Why should we pray for specific/definite things? (Mark 11:24)

20. What is necessary for answered prayers? (1 John 5:14-15)

21. Why will God not answer some prayers? (James 4:3)

22. For what should we all ask for? (James 1:5)

John 14:14: Condition:
Promise:

20. What does God promise to provide in the following verses?

Philippians 4:19:

Psalms 84:11:

Proverbs 3:5-6:

Psalms 32:8:

Psalms 37:23-24:

Ephesians 1:3:

Philippians 4:13:

Isaiah 41:10:

21. Ephesians 3:14-21 – Write down any observations and applications we can make about prayer from this passage:

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Bible Studies on Prayer (4 lessons)

Lesson #3: Conditions, Causes, Power, and Promises

For Personal Discovery

In lesson 1 we were introduced to many truths about prayer and finished observing the Lord's Prayer. In lesson 2 we considered an acrostic that can help us as in our exercise of prayer. Hopefully, you are growing in your prayer life. Some have compared prayer to a spiritual muscle. It requires exercise, exertion, and experience. It can grow weak, it can grow strong, it can develop 'muscle memory.'

In this lesson we will learn about different truths in scripture concerning what is taught about prayer. First, about conditions and causes about successful prayer and even unanswered prayer. Second, about the power and promises of prayer.

Thank you for taking the time to do these studies.

Conditions and Causes

The first four questions are answered in 2 CORINTHIANS 12:7-10

1. What was Paul's petition (request)? _____

2. Why did God not grant it? _____

3. How did Paul then respond?

4. What does this passage teach us about unanswered prayer?

5. What conditions for successful prayer are given in 2 Chronicles 7:14?

6. What condition is given in Mark 11:24?

7. Before prayer will be answered, what must be confessed (James 5:16)?

8. If we expect to receive anything from God, what must we keep (1 John 3:22)?

9. According to 1 John 5:14, how can we know that God hears our prayers ?

10. What in my heart can keep the Lord from hearing me? (Psalm 66:18)

11. What type of faith results in prayer not being answered (James 1:6,7)?

12. What attitude mentioned in James 4:3 results in unanswered prayer?

13. What must we have before prayer can be answered (Hebrews 11:6)?

14. How did Peter's fellow believers respond to his imprisonment (Acts 12:5)?

POWER AND PROMISES

15. What was God's answer to their prayer (Acts 12:6-11)?

16. What was their response to God's answer (Acts 12:13-16)?

17. What makes someone powerful in prayer?

Heb 11:1,6: _____

Rom 12:1-2: _____

1 Cor 15:58: _____

Ephesians 5:18: _____

Matthew 18:19: _____

John 15:7: _____

18. What can we learn about how long/much we should pray from the following passages? (Luke 11:5-8; 18:1-8; Matthew 15:21-28)

19. What has God promised concerning prayer in the following passages?

Jeremiah 33:3: Condition:
Promise:

Matthew 21:22: Condition
Promise:

1 John 5:14: Condition:
Promise:

16. What are some appropriate times to pray?

Psalm 55:17:

John 6:23:

1 Thessalonians 5:17

17. Why should we pray?

Matthew 6:26:

1 John 5:14:

1 Peter 5:7

Matthew 7:7

21. John 17 is one of the greatest examples of prayer. We get to see Jesus in prayer before His Father. Jesus prays for himself (v1-5), for His disciples (v6-19), and for all those who would be future believers (v20-26).

Read through the chapter a couple of times, then, on your third time. Write down any observations and applications we can make about prayer from this passage:

Again, Thank you for taking the time to do these studies.

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-If you would like additional copies of this study, please contact us!



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The POWER of PRAYER STUDIES

Bible Studies on Prayer (4 lessons)

Lesson #4: Content and Time/The Lord's Prayer and Teaching *For Personal Discovery*

In lesson 1 we were introduced to many truths about prayer and finished observing the Lord's Prayer. In lesson 2 we considered an acrostic that can help us as in our exercise of prayer. In lesson 3, we considered the conditions, causes, power, and promises of prayer.

In this lesson we will learn more about what scripture says about the content of prayer. We will also spend time considering the Lord's Prayer and His teaching on prayer in the book of Matthew.

Thank you for taking the time to do these studies. One of the great blessings in our spiritual walk is to walk through God's Word together. If you would be interested in doing another Bible study, please let us know. Maybe you might even be willing to do this study again, with someone else. There is great profit with walking through a study multiple times with multiple people, especially in your growth in this area of prayer.

Content and Time

1. Who does Paul ask the Thessalonians to pray for? (1 Thessalonians 5:25)

2. Who does Christ pray for? (John 17:9,20) _____

3. Who and what does Paul pray for in Ephesians 6:18-20?

4. How regularly should we be praising God (Hebrews 13:15)?

5. How often did Daniel pray? (Daniel 6:10-11)

6. According to the following verses, what can be learned about how to pray?

Luke 18:11-14:

Matthew 6:6:

Luke 18:7:

THE LORD'S PRAYER/TEACHING

Matthew 6:5-8 – Pre-Lord's Prayer

7. What are we warned about in our prayers? (6:5)

8. What are some specifics. Concerning prayer, the Jesus gives us? (6:6)

9. Why does Jesus warn against praying the same things over and over? (6:7,8)

10. What does God know about us? (6:8) So why do you think God wants us to pray?

Matthew 6:9-13 – The Lord's Prayer

11. Is the Lord's Prayer an example or something to be copied verbatim? (6:9)

12. What are the truths about God the Father expressed in this prayer? (6:9-11)

13. What things do we pray about concerning others? (6: 12-13)

14. How much of this prayer is 'requests'? (6:9-13)

Matthew 7:7-12 – Jesus' teaching on prayer.

15. What words does Jesus use describing prayer? (7:7,8)

16. What kind of gifts (answers) does the Father give us? (7:11)

17. How much does God want us to bring to Him in prayer? (Psalm 62:8)

18. What is one way to get close to God? (Genesis 24:63)

19. What words describe where Jesus went to pray?

Luke 6:12:

Mark 6:46:

Luke 9:28

Matthew 14:23:
