



Power in Prayer

Luke 18:1; Colossians 4:2; 1 Thess. 5:7

Message: Prayer should be a Godly pursuit and practice in our lives

Luke 18:1 (NKJV)

18 Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart,

Colossians 4:2 (NKJV)

2 Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;

1 Thessalonians 5:7 (NKJV)

7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night.



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I. PRAYER IS A ***CLEAR BIBLICAL COMMAND*** (Isaiah 55:6; 1 Timothy 2:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:17)

Isaiah 55:6 (NKJV)

6 Seek the Lord while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near.

1 Timothy 2:1 (NKJV)

2 Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men,

1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NKJV)

17 pray without ceasing,



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II. PRAYER IS *HOW WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S PRESENCE*

(Psalm 16:11; James 4:8; Acts 16:25-26)

Psalm 16:11 (NKJV)

**11 You will show me the path of life;
In Your presence is fullness of joy;
At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

James 4:8 (NKJV)

**8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners;
and purify your hearts, you double-minded.**

Acts 16:25-26 (NKJV)

25 But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed.



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III. PRAYER IS *HOW WE RECEIVE FROM GOD*

(Matthew 7:7; John 14:14; John 15:7)

Matthew 7:7 (NKJV)

7 “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

John 14:14 (NKJV)

14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it

John 15:7 (NKJV)

7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.



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IV. PRAYER IS *BEING CHRISTLIKE*

(Mark 11:35; Luke 6:12)

Mark 1:35 (NKJV)

35 Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed.

Luke 6:12 (NKJV)

12 Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.



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IV. PRAYER IS ***HOW WE GET THE LORD INVOLVED IN OUR LIVES*** (Jeremiah 33:3; Psalm 34:4; Psalm 34:6)

Jeremiah 33:3 (NKJV)

3 ‘Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.’

Psalm 34:4(NKJV)

**4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me;
he delivered me from all my fears.**

Psalm 34:6 (NKJV)

**6 This poor man called, and the Lord heard him;
he saved him out of all his troubles.**



YOU CAN BE BORN AGAIN RIGHT NOW

Jesus died for your sins, for your wrongdoings because He loves you.

Admit you are a sinner and that you are sorry for your sins.

Believe that Jesus truly is God the Son and that He died and rose from the dead to forgive your sins and give you salvation; and that He is alive.

Confess Jesus as your personal Savior and Lord.

