



*Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.* James 5:16

### The Greatest Thing We Can Do Is Pray

Prayer is a dialogue between two people who love each other - God and man. Prayer is communicating with God **in order to totally depend on Him**, and receive His answers for our daily life.

*In certain ways we are weak, but the Spirit is here to help us. For example, when we don't know what to pray for, the Spirit prays for us in ways that cannot be put into words. All of our thoughts are known to God. He can understand what is in the mind of the Spirit, as the Spirit prays for God's people. We know that God is always at work for the good of everyone who loves Him. They are the ones God has chosen for His purpose.* Rom. 8:26-28

*Over and over again throughout the course of human existence there has been one thing that has been consistently reliable to bring the answers needed, and that one thing is prayer. God hears the prayers of people who seek His face.*

*And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, "Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!" So God granted him what he requested.* 1 Chronicles 4:10

Every Christian has a \_\_\_\_\_ of communication with God, available at all times.

### Our Prayers Will Attract Resistance

*The one concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work and prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but he trembles when we pray.*  
~Samuel Chadwick

*The language of prayer is forged in the crucible of trouble. When we can't help ourselves and call for help, when we don't like where we are and want out, when we don't like who we are and want a change, we use primal language, and this language becomes the root language of prayer." ~ Eugene Peterson*

**Core Point:** Prayer is how things get done in the Kingdom of God. Prayer requires total dependence on God. When we pray we should be confident that it really accomplishes everything God says it does.

*"Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days."* Daniel 6:10

### The Key To Prayer - Total Dependence On God

The most life changing powerful thing you can do is to humble yourself **and call on God to do what you can't do for yourself.**

Our relationship with God is that of children to a parent, sheep to a shepherd, creators to the Creator. We are dependent on Him for life, for breath, for provision, for help in trouble, for love, for forgiveness, for mercy. **We may like to think of ourselves as independent and self-sufficient. But we are not. We need God.** It is vital that we acknowledge our need for Him because it is the beginning place of our relationship with Him.

Jesus teaches us that it is not only important to pray, but that it is crucial that we pray with a **humble attitude** before our wonderful and gracious God. (Luke 18:9-14 2Chronicles 7:14)

Prayer is, among other things, an acknowledgment of God's power, promises, and provision. **When you pray, you show your dependence on God. This is the essence of prayer.**

Dependence is the key. \_\_\_\_\_ dependence upon God is what lays the groundwork for the intervention of God!

At your most helpless moment is when you have your greatest opportunity to discover the core of true prayer.

The \_\_\_\_\_ of our dependence on God determines the quality of our prayer life.

**Total dependence on God is not weakness, it is a great strength!**

It is a place of surrender that acknowledges that we can do nothing without Him (John 15:5). We can take this stance in confidence, knowing that whatever resources we need, He will provide, and whatever tasks He assigns, He will do through us.

*Helplessness "is one of the greatest assets a human being can have"--if it is coupled with knowing God. When we accept the truth of our own inadequacy in light of His limitless power and infinite love for us, we can trust Him to do "exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think" (Eph. 3:20).* Catherine Marshall

*Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.* Jeremiah 29:12-13 (Luke 11:9-10)

**Core Statement:** I am completely and totally dependent on God for everything in my life. I will pray with a heart of devotion and dependence, knowing the Lord will answer me when I call on Him!