

Mt. Lebanon Church/ Big Isaac Community Church

Teaching Ministry

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Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you that he would have you to see through the study of God's word.

The Importance of Prayer

Luke 11: 1 – 4

Even in the hardest of times there can always be found a place in our life where all is well. These are the places and circumstances in our lives where spiritual growth in our faith takes place, the one place where the joy of the Lord can always be found, and it all comes through prayer. Therefore, prayer is something that we should never neglect in our life as a believer, because only through prayer can we find peace that surpasses all understanding, and we find rest for our weary soul. Now, when we fail to pray, we will often fall short of the glory of God, so, the more that we pray, the more that we will want to pray. But prayer requires discipline, and it requires obedience, and it requires perseverance. Prayer is not just for our time of need, but prayer should be one of the greatest consistencies of our day, and we should make it a priority in our life. This means that we should pray fervently and we should pray frequently.

1 Thessalonians 5: 16 – 18,....rejoice evermore....pray without ceasing....in everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you....

Our prayer life is rooted and grounded by the Holy Spirit in the identity of our salvation, which is our relationship with God through Christ Jesus our lord. Therefore, we must maintain an ongoing communication with him, keeping him at the center of our thoughts, our actions, and also our reactions to every circumstance in our life. Our prayer life is a continuous and steadfast attitude of our unwavering faith and trust in God.

James 5: 6,....the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much....

So, when we pray, we are inviting Gods power of restoration into our life, so that he might bring us into a right standing of righteousness in him through our faith. So, how important is prayer. Well, it strengthens our faith in God, it aligns our heart with his will, it brings us peace of mind during worldly challenges, therefore prayer should and must be the one ongoing consistency that we have, rather than being a last resort.

Philippians 4: 6,....be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God....

So, the word of God challenges, and encourages us, as believers, to pray in every circumstance, why, because a lack of prayer means a lack of his power to overcome situations that arise in our life. Remember, Christ will not command us to do something that he did not practice himself while he was here upon this earth. Just because we feel that things are going well in our life does not mean that we should be less diligent in our time of prayer, or in our time spent in the word of God. A lack of prayer will cause us to forget all that God has done for us and will cause us to focus upon our worldly desires, which we do not need. Our motivation first and foremost should be to please God, and not to fulfill the lusts of the flesh. Remember, God is the one who decides how and when he is going to answer our prayers, therefore, we must pray and seek his will in every circumstance of our life.

So, turn with me to: Let us look at the example Christ himself gave unto us concerning prayer.

Luke 11: 1 – 4,....as he was praying in a certain place....one of his disciples said....Lord teach us to pray....and he said....our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name....thy kingdom come....thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth....give us this day our daily bread....and forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone that is indebted to us....and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil....

So, let us ask ourselves this question, how adequate is our prayer life? Do we acknowledge God when we pray, do we acknowledge his unique characteristics and attributes, or do we just ask for things without asking for his will to be done. Do we pray with thanksgiving in our heart. Our prayerful desire must be that Gods desires will be accomplished in our life, by acknowledging our own vulnerabilities and relying upon his grace. So, as believers, we have physical needs and we have spiritual needs, and God allows these needs in our life, so that we might confess our dependence toward him. Prayer is a unique privilege, given unto those, given unto us, who by faith believing, have accepted the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

1 John 5: 11 – 15,....this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son....he that hath the Son hath life, and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life....these things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God, that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God....and this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if you ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us....and if we know that he heareth us, whatsoever we ask , we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him....

Why then is prayer so very important to all of humanity, because it is the only way that we can acknowledge God and the greatness of his love for all of mankind. Without this acknowledgement sinners cannot be born again, without this acknowledgement as believers, we cannot remain in a close relationship with him. After hearing Christ himself pray to his heavenly Father, the disciples realized how poorly their prayer life was. So, the Holy Spirit shows unto us, by example, that in order for our relationship with God to grow, our communication with him must improve, so this means that we also ask the same question, Lord teach us to pray, and this opportunity can only come through listening to the indwelling Holy Spirit.

Romans 8: 26,....the spirit also helpeth our infirmities, for we know not what we should pray for....but the spirit itself maketh intercession for us....

A life that is lived in spirit and in truth is a life that is led by the spirit of God, who speaks unto us through our new life in Christ. The Holy Spirit knows the thoughts of our heart and the desires of our soul, and he communicates unto us through our spirit, for the Holy Spirit wants to lead and guide us into all that is righteous, through our obedience to the truth of the word of God.

Romans 8: 16,....the spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God....

Every situation in our life, without exception, calls for prayer, and God is willing to answer our prayers, but we must first approach him in faith believing. The word of God teaches us many characteristics of a goodly prayer life, and commands us: that we must ask, we must seek, and we must find, and this all starts by humbly seeking his forgiveness, and persistently looking unto his strength and his power, so that we might overcome the temptation of sin. This shows our willingness to follow after the desires of his purpose and plan for our life.

Hebrews 4: 16,....let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help us in time of need....

So, as believers, God is many things unto us, but without prayer and the truth of his word, we will never discover the greatness of his righteousness. Therefore, we must pray boldly without fear of condemnation, relying upon him to provide exactly what is required for our every situation. We can come to God openly and honestly, sharing with him our fears and our failures, knowing that he is a gracious and loving God. So, let us approach him with the confidence given unto by his Holy Spirit, for he is faithful and he has the ability to accomplish all that we might have need of in our life. Therefore, let us never take for granted the gospel of the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and our understanding of the privilege that is offered unto us through prayer by his mercy and his grace. Prayer means communicating with God, for prayer develops our relationship with God. Therefore, we must learn to worry about nothing and pray about everything, for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.

Let us Pray.

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