

"PRAYEROLOGY"

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I. Introduction

A. The early church was a praying community (Acts 2:42-27)

B. What is prayer?

C. What prayer is not?

II. A Theology of Prayer from Daniel

A. Prayer is a _____
(Daniel 6:1-15)

B. Prayer changes our _____
(Dan. 6:16 - 28; cf. 2 Chron 7:14; cf. James 4:2, Lk 11:9-10)

5 THINGS THAT HINDER PRAYER:

C. Prayer is about _____
(Daniel 9)

D. Prayer penetrates the _____ (Dan. 10, Eph 6:12)

III. Conclusion

A. How to pray...:

B. How can we pray...?:

C. What if we don't pray...?:

It is a nonnegotiable, thus neglecting to pray is a sin
(cf. 1 Samuel 12:23; Luke 18:1).

It changes our surroundings, so if we don't pray we may miss the blessings of God.

It is about relationship, thus without prayer our relationship with God is impacted.

It penetrates the darkness, thus failure to pray empowers wickedness.

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QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL AND COMMUNITY GROUP REFLECTION

1. What do you admire most about Daniel from our study? Explain.
2. Do you often have difficulty with prayer? Explain. When have you known the most effective times of prayer in your own life? What factors contributed to making those times more effective? Which other factors need most attention in your prayer life? What can you do to strengthen each of these areas?
3. How does it help and encourage you (if it does) when you pray together with other Christians? Discuss the importance of corporate and private prayer.
4. Which of the 6 things that hinder prayer do you find most challenging? Explain your answer. How does the gospel speak to your hindrances?
5. What does it mean to wait before the Lord? Have you ever tried waiting quietly before the Lord after making an earnest prayer request? If so, what has been the results?
6. Do you have a regular time each day for private prayer? Are you sometimes easily distracted and turned aside to other activities? If so how can distractions be overcome?
8. Discuss the role of joy in prayer. Do you enjoy praying? Why or why not?