

Prayer

Approaching God In Prayer

Prayer looks different for everyone. When I go into prayer, I am usually going into the secret place. I like to do it alone because for me it is a very intimate thing. If you do a study of Jesus, he prayed every day with the father. He even instructed the disciples how to pray (the lord's prayer).

I have heard it taught that there are 3 different realms of prayer. (Robert Henderson)

- Father- typically approaching the father with your needs, wants (think of it as a relationship with an earthly father)
- Friend-typically approaching for advice or venting (things you would do with your best friend)
- Judge-approaching the father with an issue needing results (things you would

Breaking Down Prayer

- Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
- This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.
- Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.
- Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.
- The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.
- 'Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.
- Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened--- DONT NOT FEEL SELFISH BY PRAYING FOR YOUR NEEDS!

Prayer Hindrances

Prayer Hindrances- I am firm believer that there are things that can hinder your prayers

- Praying with selfish motive--- for example, if you pray that someone gets fired or leaves your work place because they wronged you.. A better prayer would be to forgive them and ask God to minister to them and change the work environment.
- Sin, Transgressions, In-equities- these things give the devil a legal right to hinder your prayers
- Lack of Faith- The new testament is full of example of Jesus doing things according to peoples faith- In fact there were places he could not even perform miracles due to unbelief
- Disobedience against his word or what he has spoken to you
- Unforgiveness
- Disregard for others
- Doubt
- Division in the home
- The way we treat our spouse

What happens when you pray

- God WANTS to answer your prayers
- Prayer is so powerful
- Your prayers are so important.... If you get nothing else out of this, please understand your prayers can change things
- Approaching God as friend, father, bridegroom, judge-God is all things to all people
- It pleases God when you approach his throne boldly because it displays a son or daughter who knows who she is

What Prayer looks like for me-It is how I commune with God

Depends on the day and what I am dealing with :) (not always in this order)

- Typically start my prayer time with praise and worship (we will talk about this in a later slide)
- Repent
- Give thanks
- Love on God
- Pray for his church
- Decrees-includes decrees for family, spouse, business, etc. etc.
- Intercede as God reveals to me