



The Christian Life,
A Life of Prayer

1) Prayer, the meaning:

2) The Priority of Prayer:

- Why should prayer be a priority?

a) Because Jesus established prayer as a model in His life.

- Jesus made prayer the very center of His life. He rose early and prayed in a solitary place. With all that He faced, from temptation, to the demands on Him, He always found time to spend with His Father. If Jesus was dependent on prayer, how could you and I ever think we could live out our Christian lives without a commitment to prayer?
- *Luke 22:39; “And coming out, He went to the Mount of Olives, as He was accustomed, and His disciples also followed Him.”*

b) Because Jesus commanded us to prayer.

- *Luke 18:1; “Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart.”*
- *A prayer life that has little or no meaning is nothing less than disobedience to God!!!!

c) Prayer keeps us involved in the activity of His will.

- *Matthew 7:7-8; “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.”*

3) The Power of Prayer:

- *1 Timothy 6:13-16; “I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate, that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ’s appearing, which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen.”*

- What does this verse mean?
- First we have a King that is unlike all other kings. Second, we have a Lord that is over all other lords, there none like Him!!!!
- Third He is sovereign, that is He is in control over all things at all times. To understand the sovereignty of God is to remove all worry from life. It gives us courage in our spiritual duty to live out our Christian lives.

4) The Fruit of Prayer:

- *Mark 11:22-24; “So Jesus answered and said to them, “Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, be removed and be cast into the sea, and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will come to pass, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask with you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.”*

5) The Rewards of Prayer/ The Christian life:

a) He meets our material needs as we go through life.

b) He hears us and sympathizes with us in any situation we could possibly face.

c) He renews our strength and confidence.

d) He shields us from the kind of stress and anxiety that we see burdening people around us.

e) He provides us with the power of the Holy Spirit.

f) He gives us the privilege of having an impact upon others

g) When we are living out our Christian lives we are walking in the wonderful presence of Almighty God Himself. There is no greater joy in life.