

9. What is one of the areas of the Christian life that possibly takes the most faith?
10. When it comes to prayer we dare not allow our logic to do what?
11. These verses on prayer come right off the section about not doing what?
12. Why does Jesus use three different commands (ask, seek, and knock)?
13. When Jesus uses the present tense imperatives he is telling us to do what in relation to prayer?
14. Where do we find the statement, "Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in thanksgiving..."?
15. What are some other references in Scripture that tell us to persevere and continue in prayer?
16. What is Jesus illustrating in Luke 18:1-8?
17. Though we can't understand and explain how the sovereign plan of God intersects with prayer, we do know what?
18. God answers prayer in the way that is what?
19. If God were not good and gracious and loving then He would not do what?
20. What is at the root of why Jesus encourages us to pray and assures us that God will answer?
21. What is the point of Jesus' illustrations in Matthew 7:10 and Luke 11:12?
22. What are some Christians fearful about?
23. When we pray we don't have to be concerned that what will happen?
24. What does Jesus take for granted when He says what He says in verse 11?
25. Jesus sees people from the divine viewpoint and from that viewpoint all people are what?
26. What is the main point of verse 11?
27. Do you want the Holy Spirit to be stronger or more dominant in your life? Do you ever pray for that?
28. We ought to pray and ask the Spirit of God to produce what in and through us?
29. Passivity, a lack of drive, and a lack of persistence in the Christian life is what?

30. What do we not have to figure out before we pray?

31. What does God want to give to His children?

32. God will not give us everything we ask for because, just like little children, we don't what?

33. What should be our motto, practice, and pattern?

Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

»»How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

»»How can I accomplish this change?

»»What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

For Next Time:

1) Read Matthew 1:1-7:12

2) What is "The Golden Rule?"

3) Read I Corinthians 13:4-7 and spend time thinking about how your "love" for others compares to a biblical definition of love. What are specific areas that you personally need to repent of and begin to work on in the area of true biblical love?

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WHY PRAY
Matthew 7:7-11
(Series#40)

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon "Why Pray?" All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. 2 Corinthians 5:7 says, "We walk by faith, not by..." what?

2. If you walk by sight and not by faith then you are not going to look towards things that are what?

3. We have to embrace eternity and eternal values by what?

4. What in our society makes it difficult to walk by faith?

5. We walk by faith. So what are we to serve, give, and pray by?

6. Instead of defining and explaining prayer for us, Jesus does what in Matthew 7:7-11?

7. Why does Jesus encourage us and exhort us to pray?

8. Have you ever had the thought? Why should I pray. God doesn't answer my prayers or answer them even close to how I was praying?

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