

Mt. Calvary Pentecostal Church
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Pentecostal Principles for Productive Praying

Luke 18:1-8 KJV - ¹And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; ²Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man: ³And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary. ⁴And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man; ⁵Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me. ⁶And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith. ⁷And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? ⁸I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?"

- 1) Don't get weary with praying. Persistence in prayer is a key factor in prayers offered becoming prayers answered
- 2) Prayer is learned by precept, principle and practice

Luke 11:1 KJV – "And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples."

- How to approach God in prayer
- How to attract the presence of God
- How to invoke the presence of God
- How to intreat God
- How to travail in prayer
- How to pray in the Spirit
- How to war in the Spirit
- How to praise in prayer
- How to wait on God in prayer
- How to be still
- How to hear in prayer
- How to seal prayers

- 3) Prayer is to our spirit what food, water and oxygen are to our body

John 4:31-34 KJV – "In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat. ³²But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of. ³³Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him ought to eat? ³⁴Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

- 4) Prayer can be likened to muscles in the body. The more you exercise them, the stronger they become.

Jude 1:20 KJV – “But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,”

- 5) When you begin your day with God early in the morning, you give God the indication you'd like to remain in communication with Him throughout the day.

Proverbs 8:17 KJV – “I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.”

Teacher's Note: You never want to give someone who loves you the impression that you're no longer as interested in them as you used to be. The Holy Ghost can tell when you're distracted, disconnected, disinterested in Him.

Isaiah 29:13 KJV – “Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:”

- 6) To discipline your body to rise early for prayer is a literal example of presenting your body as a living sacrifice. Sacrifice = Thysia meaning VICTIM.

PowerPoint: In the realm of prayer, it is by becoming the victim that we become *THE VICTOR*.

2 Corinthians 12:10 KJV – “Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.”

- 7) Praying late at night (4th watch) gives you access to a spiritual realm during a time where there is less traffic in the atmosphere.

Mark 1:35-37 KJV – “And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed. ³⁶And Simon and they that were with him followed after him. ³⁷And when they had found him, they said unto him, All men seek for thee.”

PowerPoint: People will always seek after a person who seeks after God.

- 8) Prayerlessness produces weakness. To omit prayer is to eliminate power.

Mark 9:28-29 KJV – “And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, Why could not we cast him out? ²⁹And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.”

- 9) Good things happen when we pray. Bad things happen when we stop praying.

Romans 1:28-31 KJV – “And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; ²⁹Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,”

Teacher’s Note: The less we pray, the more prone we become to sin because the less praying in the Spirit we do, the more carnal and fleshly we become.

³⁰“Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, ³¹Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:”

10) Prayer authenticates an intercessor as having a relationship with the Holy Spirit which demons recognize and respect

Acts 19:13-16 KJV – “Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. ¹⁴And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so. ¹⁵And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye? ¹⁶And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.”

11) Intimacy with God is the greatest desire of all true worshippers

Psalms 51:11 KJV – “Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.”

12) Intimacy with God creates within the intercessor an insatiable desire to do God’s will.

John 8:29 KJV – “And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.”

13) There is nothing that builds faith like the Word of God. Find out what God’s Word says on the matter and *pray the Word*.

A. Twelve Reasons why we should pray God’s Word

1. You should pray Scripture because God’s people in the OT and NT did
2. You should pray Scripture because Jesus did
3. You should pray Scripture because it glorifies God the Father

4. You should pray Scripture because it helps you focus on what is most important
5. You should pray Scripture because it helps you focus on praying
6. You should pray Scripture because it is entirely truthful
7. You should pray Scripture because it helps you pray confidently
8. You should pray Scripture because it balances your affections and emotions
9. You should pray Scripture because it helps you express yourself more diversely
10. You should pray Scripture because it keeps your prayers fresh and specific.
11. You should pray Scripture because it keeps your prayers in scriptural proportion.
12. You should pray Scripture because it helps you understand Scripture better.