

Just Pray!

Prayer is direct communication between God and you. We pray for a variety of reasons because we are taught throughout God's Word the significance and role of prayer (James 5:17). Of the four gospels, Luke writes about Jesus' prayer life more than the others combined.

Jesus took the prayer very seriously and so should we. Think about it. Jesus can be found praying early in the morning, in the middle of the day, and all night. Not to mention He told several stories about the need for prayer and gave detailed instructions about the right and wrong way to pray (Matthew 6).

Jesus took time to pray. He often would go to a place by himself and spend considerable time in prayer (Matthew 14.23; Mark 1.35, 6.46; Luke 6.12, 9.18, 11.1). Luke also tells us that Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed" (Luke 5.16).

God wants you to come to know Him more and more each day. All of us need to learn to pray more and to pray better. Prayer should be the foundation of everything we do.

I wonder how much gossip would be avoided if we prayed more and talked to others less? Your faith in prayer makes turns things spiritually. God doesn't care where or when you pray. He just wants you to pray.

Did you know that a lack of prayer demonstrates a lack of faith and a lack of trust in God's Word? When you pray, you should have confidence that you are talking to God (1 John 5:14-15).

Prayer is simple because it is really just the act of talking to God. He knows all about you and knows what is going on inside you—both good and bad. The Bible says that God "judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12).

God already knows what's on your mind anyway, so you might as well tell Him everything. Why hold back? You can't fool Him and isn't like He doesn't know what's happening anyway.

As you make prayer a part of your life, prayer deepens your understanding of God and deepens your faith in Him. You can see through prayer how His work

is established on the earth and prayer is your means of defeating the enemy (Romans 16:19-20).

The most important thing in life is for us to communicate with our Creator honestly. Friends, He wants to hear from you, and He is more interested in what you have to say than how you say it.

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