

## Prayer 1 - Instruction

### I. Introduction

- a. What are two of the most important things a Christian should do every day to grow?
- b. Prayer is just? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. How many want to pray more than you do?
- d. How much time do you consider a long prayer (Public and Private)?

### II. Scripture

- a. Can the unsaved talk to God? Cf. *Rom 10:13*—*"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."* *Heb. 11:6*—*"But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him."*
- b. Can a believer talk to the perfect holy God, after we have sinned? *Heb. 4:16*—*"[C]ome boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."*
- c. *Mat. 7:7* (cf. *Mat. 21:22; Luk. 11:9*)—*"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."*
- d. *1Th. 5:17* (cf. *Luk. 18:1-8; 21:36*)—*"Pray without ceasing."*
- e. *1Ti 2:8*—*"I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting."*
- f. *Joh. 14:13-14*—*"And whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in My name, I will do it."* *Joh. 16:24*—*"Hitherto have ye asked nothing in My name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full."* *James 4:3*—*"Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts."* *1Jo. 3:22*—*"And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight."* *1Jo. 5:14*—*"And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask any thing according to His will, He heareth us: And if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him."*
- g. *Mar. 9:29* (cf. *Mat. 17:21*)—*"And He said unto them, 'This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.'"*
- h. *Mat. 18:19*—*"Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father which is in heaven."*
- i. *Mat. 6:7*—*"But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking."*
- j. *Luk. 18:9-14*—*"9-And He spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: 10-Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. 11-The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank Thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. 12-I fast twice in the week, I*

*give tithes of all that I possess. 13-And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. 14-I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."*

- k. *Mat. 6:6—"But you, when you pray, enter into your closet, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father, which is in secret; and your Father, which sees in secret shall reward you openly."*
- l. *Mat. 26:41 (cf. Mar. 14:38; Luk. 22:40, 46)—"Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."*
- m. *Luk. 10:2—"Therefore said He unto them, 'The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth laborers into His harvest.'"*
- n. *Rom. 8:26—"Likewise the Spirit also helps our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit Itself makes intercession for us with groanings, which cannot be uttered."*
- o. *James 5:13—"Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray."*
- p. *James 5:16—"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that you may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."*
- q. *Mat. 5:44—"But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you."*

### III. Application

- a. What do you like the most about God's command to pray?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- b. What is the toughest thing about your prayer life?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- c. Any recommendations to help others pray?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- d. Let's Pray