

Bible Study ~ PRAYER
Wednesday, December 28, 2022, by Pastor Dwight Benoit
Lesson 1

“...LORD, teach us to **pray**...” (Luke 11: 1)

PRAYER is a spiritual communion with GOD... an object of *worship*, as in adoration (to give reverence, homage, acknowledgement/praise to the reality of **WHO GOD is**—Psalms 145) confession (acknowledgement uncovering of *sin*—Psalm 51; 2 Corinthians 7: 10; I John 1: 9, 10), thanks-giving (grateful acknowledgement of undeserved/deserved benefits or favor—James 1: 17, Romans 1: 21), supplication (to ask or petition—Matthew 7: 7-12) and intercession (an intervening or pleading on behalf of another person... **praying** for someone else—I Timothy 2: 1).

Types of PRAYER

- INTERCESSION
- SUPPLICATION
- THANKS-GIVING
- CONFESSION
- ADORATION

Content of PRAYER

- NATIONS
- COMMUNITY
- SOCIAL SPHERE
- CHURCH
- FAMILY
- SELF

PRAYER is intimacy with **GOD**...

John 15: 7,
“If ye abide in **ME**, and **MY WORDS** abide in you,
ye shall ask what ye will,
and it shall be done unto you.”

Abide, meaning comply with... observe... follow...adhere...agree to...live with...

Do Know, the Enemy (Devil) don't want You to develop a Strong, Specific, Strategic **PRAYER** LIFE!
He comes to...

DISTRACT – distraught your focus/attention

DECEIVE – mislead, trick, defraud

DIVIDE – divorce, separate, cut into pieces

→→→ begins in the “mind”

(James 4: 7; Romans 12: 2)

*Use the 5 Second Rule—do not let Devil—evil, focus in your “mind” any longer than 5 seconds!

***PRAY** in **FAITH** in **GOD** because of what **GOD** “SAID” – Romans 10: 17; Hebrews 11: 6.

***PRAYER** is “waiting on **GOD** to Answer!” But the “waiting” is ‘active’ and not ‘passive!’
While you take ‘active opportunities’ seriously, you will discover, the answer you’ve been waiting on, was waiting on you!

***PRAYER** really is not hard – its *talking* to someone you **LOVE**, and knows, **LOVES** you!

*Trust **The HOLY SPIRIT** when you **Pray**!

***PRAYER** works but do you believe it???

***PRAYER** is RELATIONSHIP! Sometimes the *Fellowship* (we may not like at that time) is broken, but **PRAYER** confirms we are in RELATIONSHIP *with* **GOD**— (once Saved always saved)!
[Ask Moses, Joshua, Joseph, David, Paul, Peter, **JESUS**...]

***PRAYER** is the wind/sails of our Spiritual life!

*We learn to **PRAY** by **PRAYING**! “...**LORD**, teach us to **pray**...” (Luke 11: 1)

*The *purpose* of **PRAYER** is really not about **PRAY**, but about our RELATIONSHIP *with* **GOD**!
[The Cell Phone is not about the Cell Phone—its about communication—voice, visibility, vision]

***PRAYER** is communion *with* **GOD**—in order to intimately Know, **LOVE** and *Worship* **HIM**!