

How You Can Develop a Power-Packed Prayer Life

Jesus addressed three types of prayers in Matthew 6. Let's examine Matthew 6:6 (NKJV), the prayer of an heir: "When you pray, go into your room ... shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place, and [He] will reward you openly."

1. The Priority of Prayer: Jesus said, "When you pray," implying He expects all believers to pray and make no excuses. Prayer does not take time, it saves time, so prioritize prayer if you want it to be effective.

2. The Place of Prayer: Our prayers should be both private and public (Matt. 6:6, 21:13). Your prayer place is sacred and dedicated to meeting with God.

3. The Privacy of Prayer: Prayer is for intimacy with God. "Shutting the door" means removing distractions. When we pray, God looks at our heart's posture. Is it facing Him? Closing the door helps realign our heart, attention and affection toward God.

4. The Plan of Prayer: Biblical prayer is verbally expressing your thoughts to God, as Jesus said to do in Luke 11:2. In Jeremiah 33:3, God promises to answer those who call to Him. Talk to God.

5. The Person of Prayer: Scripture teaches us to pray to the Father God, through the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit (John 15:16).

6. The Promise of Prayer: If God doesn't answer your prayer as you want, don't be discouraged. He promises to reward those who seek Him diligently (Heb. 11:6). Keep praying.

When in prayer, don't pray out of desperation—pray out of

faith. Make prayer a consistent, regular and habitual part of your life. Stick with prayer until you develop that Christian discipline, not so you can be saved, but so God can release His grace, strength and anointing into your life. {eoa}

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