

Five Practical Steps to a Powerful Daily Prayer Life

1. Make an absolute commitment to consistently spend time alone with God in uninterrupted prayer.

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Two or three minute devotions are by no means the pattern of Jesus, the early church or anyone mightily used by God.

2. Approach your prayer time as a relationship with God rather than a required ritual. True prayer is a relationship!! It is not certain formulas or programs, it is a love relationship with your God. To view your prayer time as anything less is to miss the whole point of prayer.

3. Make a commitment to a balanced prayer life by regularly practicing the four different types of prayer.

- 1) Praise, thanksgiving and worship
- 2) Thorough confession and repentance
- 3) Biblical petition and supplication
- 4) Intercession

4. In your daily petitions, focus more on issues of personal character and holiness than on temporal needs.

Use Galatians 5:22 as a model for your life.

Use Matthew 5 as our direction to personal excellence.

5. In your daily intercession, focus more on issues of evangelism and missions than on temporal concerns.

- 1) Develop a prayer list of lost people and intercede for them daily.
- 2) Develop a prayer list of the key leaders and ministry strategies of your Church. Pray for them regularly.
- 3) Compile a prayer list of key spiritual and government leaders. Pray for them regularly.
- 4) Regularly pray for vital mission strategies of your association, local and state denominations.
- 5) Daily intercede for revival and spiritual awakening in your church, city and nation.