

# "Get in the Word"

Lesson 56 of 94

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## Prayer and Worship- Introduction

## Lesson #1

### What is Prayer?

The purpose of prayer is to express our submission to the sovereignty of God and our trust in His faithfulness. Prayer is the means by which we ask or petition requests to the Lord and also the means to express all that is in our hearts towards a loving and wise heavenly Father. Prayer is not to give God information, because God knows everything. The place of prayer is not to bark orders, but rather brings us into reverent communion with God, worshipping Him and acknowledging Him as the Giver of all things. Prayer is communication that is a two-way interaction of speaking and listening between God and man. For the believer, prayer is a learning experience that must be developed into a spiritual discipline.

1. What did Jesus ask His disciples (Matthew 26:40)?
2. What did the disciples ask of Jesus (Luke 11:1)?
3. When we do not know what to pray, who can we ask for help in prayer the right way (Romans 8:27)?

### Prayer is an Exchange of Intimacy with God

The Scripture tells us God is very interested in our personal struggles.

1. What does Psalm 34:15 say about the Lord?
2. What did David bring before God in prayer (Psalm 142:2)?
3. How are we encouraged to approach God (Hebrews 4:16)?
4. Though we have the privilege of access, what caution does Ecclesiastes 5:1-2 advise?
5. What comfort does 1 Peter 5:6-7 offer believers?

### Prayer is Effective

Prayer can change situations- and people. We are encouraged to pray expecting results.

1. For whom did the church pray in Acts 12:5?
2. How did God answer the prayers (Acts 12:7-11)?
3. Besides answers, what else does God grant to those who pray (Philippians 4:6-7)?

Thee, thou, art...I thought I was going to have to learn a new language. Something had just happened to the guy the Pastor asked to pray. Earlier, before church, I had spoken to him and he talked normal, but now he was praying and using these rather odd words and talking in a totally different tone!

I learned later that our Father just wants us to be real and talk to Him in a normal way. Nothing I do will surprise Him, impress Him to love me differently, or make me better than anyone else in His eyes. Just be real with Christ!



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