

"Get in the Word"

Lesson 58 of 94

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Prayer and Worship- The Struggle of Prayer

Lesson #3

The Hindrances to Prayer

Look up the following verses and list some of the hindrances to answered prayer.

1. Psalm 66:18 –
2. Matthew 6:14-15 –

3. James 4:3 –

4. 1 Peter 3:7 –

The Struggle of Prayer

Prayer can be hard work. That should not keep us from praying, even when it requires sacrifice. Even when we are frustrated or discouraged, we can still approach God in prayer.

1. How long did Jesus pray before He selected the twelve apostles (Luke 6:12)?
2. Describe the intensity of Jesus as He prayed in the garden (Luke 22:44)?
3. What should believers be careful to do when we devote ourselves to prayer (Colossians 4:2)?
4. Describe David's prayer when he was discouraged (Psalm 13:1-2)?
5. What was David's complaint in Psalm 22?

Prayer is governed by God's sovereignty, and His purpose determines His answer to our prayers. God answers according to His will.

6. Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-9 and answer these questions:
 - a. What did Paul pray for?
 - b. How many times did he pray for it?
 - c. Did he receive what he asked for? Why or why not?
7. What did Jesus ask of the Father concerning His "hour" of suffering? Yet, what was He willing to do (Read Mark 14:35-36)?
8. Why does God want to answer your prayer (John 14:13)?
9. What qualifications do we need to meet in order to receive God's answer (1 John 3:22)?

We have all had to wait in line. It started in kindergarten when we line up to go to the bathroom. Then add the line for recess, then the line for snack. Eventually you are in line at the store, or at a traffic light. Perhaps you are in line to get into the park, or on the roller coaster.

Funny how quickly we learn to stand in line. Waiting becomes a natural part of life, however patience does not come so naturally. The next time you have to wait, remember that you are really just practicing and perfecting patience.



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