

*Growing
in
Grace*

Lesson Three

Bible Truth Ministry
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5. Study it systematically. Use a Bible Reading Schedule for daily reading.

a. Let the Bible reveal to you:

- 1) Sin to avoid
- 2) Examples to follow
- 3) Promises to claim
- 4) Commands to obey
- 5) Stumbling-blocks to beware

b. Study by watching for seven "P's"

- 1) Persons
- 2) Prayers
- 3) Places
- 4) Principle verses
- 5) Parallel passages
- 6) Practical lessons
- 7) Periods and Dates

D. Practice of Bible Study - Every believer should have a daily quiet time

A quiet time is a Christian's personal relationship of talking to and listening to God through prayer and reading the Word of God.

1. Choose a convenient time.

2. Be consistent - form a habit to do it every day.

3. Elements of a quiet time:

- a. Begin with prayer and Bible reading
- b. Underline and meditate on verses that have special meaning to you.
- c. Apply what you read to your life.
- d. Use a notebook to record any special verses, prayer requests, answers to prayer, life applications, etc. (Reviewing your notebook will build your faith as you see God working in your life.)
- e. Close in prayer.

Prayer

1. Prayer is the believer's confident approach to our Holy God, through Jesus Christ and in the Holy Spirit, to ask for His ability and His strength to meet our specific and general needs.

1. Jesus said, "_____ and it shall be _____ you; _____ and ye shall _____; _____ and it shall be _____ unto you; for everyone that _____ receiveth." (Matthew 7:7,8)

2. _____ unto Him and He _____ (Jeremiah 33:3)

1. How to Pray. (Bible Study is God speaking to you while prayer is you speaking to God.)

1. Prayer is to be made unto _____. (Acts 12:5) "Hear my cry, _____, attend unto my _____." (Psalms 61:1)

2. Prayer is to be made in the name of _____. (John 16:23,24)
Why do we pray in His name? (John 14:13)

3. Prayer is to be made with the help of the _____. (Romans 8:26)

4. "The _____ prayer of a _____ man availeth much." (James 5:16)

5. Prayer is to be in accordance with the _____ of God. (I John 5:14,15)

6. We are to pray with confidence. "Let us therefore come _____ unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to _____ in time of _____." (Hebrews 4:16)

7. We are to pray believing God will answer. "Whatsoever ye ask in prayer, _____, ye shall receive." (Matthew 21:22)

C. Answers to Prayer

1. In order for our prayers to be answered as Christians, what 2 things must we do (SEE John 15:7)

- a. _____
- b. _____

2. Did God answer the fervent prayer of Elias (Elijah) according to James 5:17,18)

D. Hindrances to Receiving Answers to Prayer

1. A wrong relationship between _____ and _____ hinders prayer. (I Peter 3:7)

2. Grudge bearing - If you will not _____, your Father will not _____. (Matthew 6:14,15)

3. Unconfessed sin in your heart - "If I regard _____ in my _____, the Lord will not _____ me." (Psalms 66:18)

4. Selfish motives - "Ye _____, and receive _____ because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your _____." (James 4:3)

5. Not believing that God will answer your prayer - "Let him _____ in _____, _____ For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea, driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall _____ anything of the Lord." (James 1:6,7)

6. How are hindrances to prayer removed? (SEE I John 1:9)

E. Where to Pray

1. Jesus found a PRIVATE place to pray - "He withdrew himself into the _____ and prayed." (Luke 5:16)

2. Jesus "departed unto a _____ and there prayed." (Mark 1:35)

3. In ASSEMBLY with the brethren - (Acts 1:14; 21:4,5)

4. In SECRET - "But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in _____; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly." (Matthew 6:8)

5. "Pray WITHOUT CEASING." (I Thessalonians 5:17)
(You can pray silently anywhere, any time, about any thing.)

F. When Should a Christian Pray?

1. There should be special times set aside each day that you especially devote to speaking with God.

a. Daniel kneeled upon his knees _____ a day and _____ and gave thanks before his God. (Daniel 6:10)

b. David said, "_____ and _____ and at _____ will I _____" (Psalms 55:17).

c. Jesus, in the morning, a great while before _____ went to pray. (Mark 1:35)

2. The Christian is commanded to be in a constant attitude of prayer all throughout the day.

a. I Thessalonians 5:17 says to "_____ without _____."

b. Ephesians 6:18 says "Praying _____ with all prayer (general requests) and supplication (specific needs)."

c. A Christian, with the hindrances removed, can and should pray anywhere and at any time.

G. What are Some Things You can Pray for Specifically?

1. I Timothy 2:1,2 _____

2. II Thessalonians 3:1 _____

3. Phillipians 4:6 _____

