

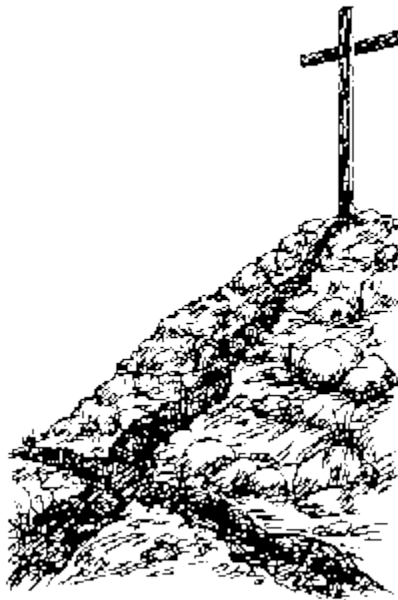
# The Christian and Prayer

Numbering, Prayer & Partnership  
With God, Jesus & Prayer

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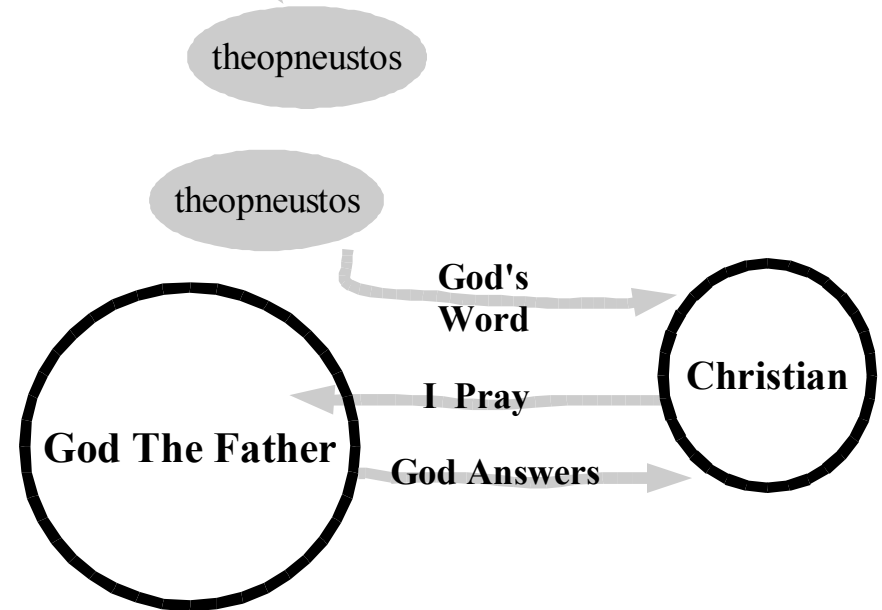
### We Must Stop Numbering

I have heard so many Christians make the statement,

"Well, there's **not much I can do but pray** about it!"

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(2 Timothy 3:16-17 KJV) "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: {17} That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."



and have **wondered** at the statement itself. In our present Church Age we have emphasized growth

by **faddism** (Purpose Driven Church and Programs, Jabez, Experiencing God, etc), by **entertainment** (creative dance, plays, skits, drama, puppet ministry), by **fellowship** (eating meetings), by song festivals (fifth Sunday sings), by **holiday** services, and by **seeker sensitive** methods. Now don't get me wrong – there's nothing inherently wrong with any of this if it is kept in perspective. The Apostle Paul said:

*1 Corinthians 9:19-23 (KJV)* "For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. {20} And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law; {21} To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law. {22} To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. {23} And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you."

**Paul** "became as a Jew" in order that he could win the Jew to Christ. He **adjusted his methods** in order to reach his target audience – but he did this **without compromising the Gospel** in the slightest. As he wrote:

*Galatians 1:10-11 (KJV)* "For do I now persuade men, or

*God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. {11} But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man."*

There is a fine line between *adjusting your methods* in order to reach the unsaved masses, and in **adjusting the message of the Gospel – which is forbidden**. No minister nor Church ever has the right to adjust the Blood bought Gospel –

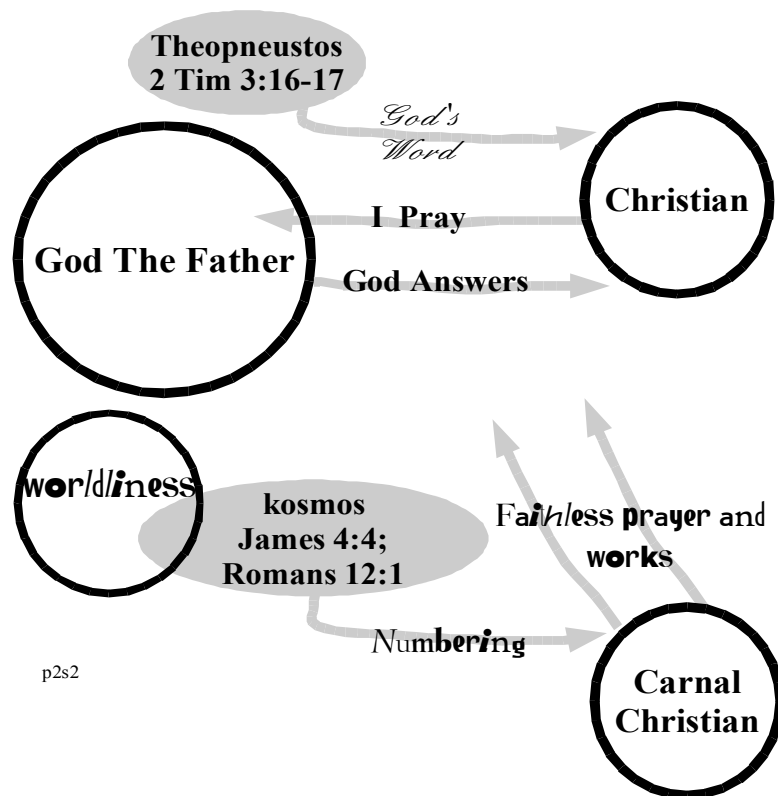
*1 Corinthians 15:1-6 (KJV)* "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; {2} By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. {3} For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; {4} And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: {5} And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: {6} After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep."

THERE's the GOSPEL – and it cannot be changed. Jesus Christ died, and rose again – and whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life. This is the MESSAGE that must not change – though we may modify the *method of presentation*, if necessary, with God's

leading, in order to reach the masses.

But Beloved, **our method must be based on God's leading** – and here is the problem that we face in our present Church Age: So many people are **chasing after different methods** for reaching the masses without *seeking God's leading*. And we can only find God's leading in two areas:

1. The **Word** of God
2. **Prayer**



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Beloved, nothing else works. I have seen Churches run after fads – *and grow* while the fad was in vogue. But as **soon as the fad ends the crowds dwindle**. Why? God provides the answer in Scripture:

*Psalms 84:3-6 (KJV) "Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even thine altars, O LORD of hosts, my King, and my God. {4} Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Selah. {5} Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the ways of them. {6} Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools."*

*Jeremiah 17:7-8 (KJV) "Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is. {8} For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit."*

*Jeremiah 17:5-6 (KJV) "Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD. {6} For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited."*

Blessing comes to the person who dwells in God's House, who rests on God's strength, who trusts in God's WORD and seeks his or her Heavenly Father in PRAYER. Edward McKendree (E. M.) Bounds wrote, **"Those who know God the best are the richest and most powerful in prayer. Little acquaintance with God, and strangeness and coldness to Him, make prayer a rare and feeble thing."**

Time and time again God showed Israel, and us by Israel, that we must focus on and trust God our Savior, our Blessed Father, for our every need. God punished Israel *terribly every time they turned away from Grace* and turned toward *the arm of man* or human strength. This sin is called "Numbering". Numbering can be symbolized by that act of faithlessness that prevented Israel from crossing into the Promised Land:

*Numbers 13:31-32 (KJV) "But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we. {32} And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature."*

though God promised them that land. The spies that went into the Promised Land stayed there for forty days. God made their punishment fit the crime:

*Numbers 14:34 (KJV) "After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise."*

Because Israel "numbered" the inhabitants of Canaan for forty *days* instead of trusting in what God said, the Lord Jesus cursed them, and allowed them to wander in the wilderness for forty *years* until that unfaithful generation died out. The Scripture warns the Church:

*Hebrews 3:8-13 (KJV) "Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: {9} When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years. {10} Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in their heart; and they have not known my ways. {11} So I sware in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.) {12} Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. {13} But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin."*

God had Israel set aside every *seventh year* as a

*Sabbatical Year*, a year in which the land was to remain untouched while Israel trusted in God for sustenance.

*Leviticus 25:3-7 (KJV)* "Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruit thereof; {4} But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest unto the land, a sabbath for the LORD: thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard. {5} That which groweth of its own accord of thy harvest thou shalt not reap, neither gather the grapes of thy vine undressed: for it is a year of rest unto the land. {6} And the sabbath of the land shall be meat for you; for thee, and for thy servant, and for thy maid, and for thy hired servant, and for thy stranger that sojourneth with thee, {7} And for thy cattle, and for the beast that are in thy land, shall all the increase thereof be meat."

Israel refused to keep this Sabbath, and instead violated it for 490 years (**Jeremiah 25:7-11**) – so God placed **Israel into Babylonian captivity for seventy** years (490 divided by 7 = 70).

King **David**, after God gave all his enemies into his hands, decided to **"number" his army**, to see how powerful that army was. Instead of focusing on God and on His glory, David began to focus on the "numbers" of troops he had:

*2 Samuel 24:2-10 (KJV)* "For the king said to Joab the

captain of the host, which was with him, Go now through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan even to Beersheba, and number ye the people, that I may know the number of the people. {3} And Joab said unto the king, Now the LORD thy God add unto the people, how many soever they be, an hundredfold, and that the eyes of my lord the king may see it: but why doth my lord the king delight in this thing? {4} Notwithstanding the king's word prevailed against Joab, and against the captains of the host. And Joab and the captains of the host went out from the presence of the king, to number the people of Israel. {5} And they passed over Jordan, and pitched in Aroer, on the right side of the city that lieth in the midst of the river of Gad, and toward Jazer: {6} Then they came to Gilead, and to the land of Tahtimhodshi; and they came to Danjaan, and about to Zidon, {7} And came to the strong hold of Tyre, and to all the cities of the Hivites, and of the Canaanites: and they went out to the south of Judah, even to Beersheba. {8} So when they had gone through all the land, they came to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days. {9} And Joab gave up the sum of the number of the people unto the king: and there were in Israel eight hundred thousand valiant men that drew the sword; and the men of Judah were five hundred thousand men. {10} And David's heart smote him after that he had numbered the people. And David said unto the LORD, I have sinned greatly in that I have done: and now, I beseech thee, O LORD, take away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly."

What did God think about all this? It was *a sin, a*

**terrible sin before God.** David should have trusted in God his Savior. David conquered all his enemies because he trusted in God – not because of the *numbers* of troops that he had. Did God bless David for numbering the troops? No! Look what happened:

2 Samuel 24:12-17 (KJV) "Go and say unto David, Thus saith the LORD, I offer thee three things; choose thee one of them, that I may do it unto thee. {13} So Gad came to David, and told him, and said unto him, Shall seven years of famine come unto thee in thy land? or wilt thou flee three months before thine enemies, while they pursue thee? or that there be three days' pestilence in thy land? now advise, and see what answer I shall return to him that sent me. {14} And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let us fall now into the hand of the LORD; for his mercies are great: and let me not fall into the hand of man. {15} So the LORD sent a pestilence upon Israel from the morning even to the time appointed: and there died of the people from Dan even to Beersheba seventy thousand men. {16} And when the angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed the people, It is enough: stay now thine hand. And the angel of the LORD was by the threshingplace of Araunah the Jebusite. {17} And David spake unto the LORD when he saw the angel that smote the people, and said, Lo, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly: but these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, be against me, and against my father's

house."

What happened when David was punished? The **innocent suffered.** When we sin by numbering we often bring punishment on ourselves – and on the innocent. God demands that we *sanctify* or *set ourselves apart from the world* by relying on Him. Jesus Christ saved our souls. Jesus Christ delivered us from Satan's power:

Colossians 1:13 (KJV) "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:"

Having delivered us, He will continue to sustain us – but we must use His resources!

### Prayer Is Partnership With God

The **Trinity of God** gives us an example of *order* and *prayer*. The Bible makes a promise to us who are believers – actually, many promises. The Bible tells us, in **Romans 8:26-27**, that the Holy Spirit *prays for us*, addressing God the Father on issues that we are not even aware of.

Please note that this passage **does not refer to audible prayer** – it says that the Spirit prays for us "with groanings that cannot be uttered". In other

words, as the New American Standard puts it,

*Romans 8:26 (NASB)* "... the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words;"

*Romans 8:26-27 (KJV)* "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. {27} And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God."

proseuchomai  
{pros-yoo'-khom-ahee}

entugchano  
en-toong-khan'-o

huperentugchano  
{hoop-er-en-toong-khan'-o}

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We do not hear this prayer, but God the Father hears it. I want you to notice that **three different Greek words** are used for prayer in this text.

First, the word **proseuchomai** {pronounced pros-yoo'-khom-ahee} is used, which means "to offer prayers". When we, as Christians, offer prayers to God, we are, in essence, giving God something that He wants. He wants us to pray. He commands

us to pray. So this text assumes that *the Christian is praying*.

The second word used is the Greek Present Active Indicative of **huperentugchano** {hoop-er-en-toong-khan'-o}. This is a *compound verb* comprised of **huper** (meaning "above and beyond") and **entugchano** (prayer on someone's behalf, intercessory prayer). The word means that the **Spirit intercedes for us above and beyond our own intercessory prayer**. In other words, just because the Spirit of God is praying for you, do not assume that you *can avoid prayer*. That's wrong! Again, the Spirit intercedes *above and beyond* our own intercessory prayers.

Finally, we see the word **entugchano**, which means "to make intercession, to intercede on behalf of someone in prayer". Here is a great promise from God, and that is .... God prays for us! Can you imagine: **God prays for us while we pray for us!** What a wonderful truth!

But this is not all. God the Holy Spirit intercedes for us as we pray - but **Jesus** Christ our Savior, God the Son and the Son of God, **also intercedes for us**. He who died for us sat down on the right hand of God:

*Hebrews 1:3 (KJV)* "Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;"

Jesus our Savior did not just "sit down", though - He sat down on the right hand of God the Father to "keep on making intercession" (Present Active Infinitive of entugchano) for us.

*Hebrews 7:25-27 (NASB)* "Hence, also, He is able to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. {26} For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and exalted above the heavens; {27} who does not need daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins, and then for the sins of the people, because this He did once for all when He offered up Himself."

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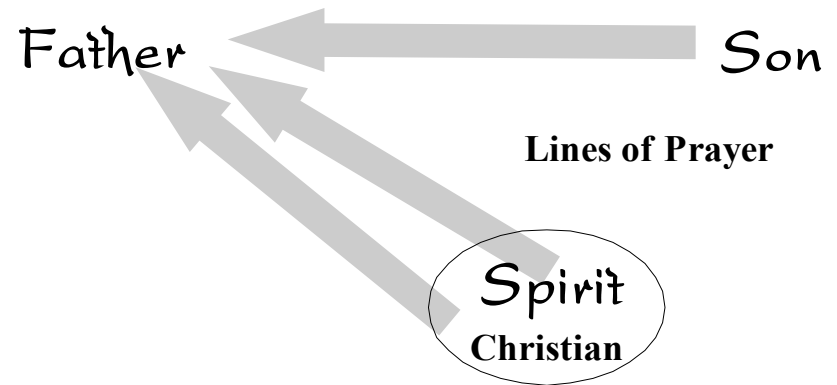
entugchano  
en-toong-khan'-o

Jesus Christ - Himself God - makes intercessory prayer for us. What this means is that *two of the three Members of the Trinity are praying for the believer in fellowship with God*. Everytime you pray there are literally and Biblically *three lines of prayer communication* opened to God the

Father. If this doesn't bless you, then Brother, you're beyond blessing!

Robert Murray M'Cheyne said "**If I could hear Christ praying for me in the next room, I would not fear a million enemies. Yet distance makes no difference. He is praying for me.**".

Knowing this, that God prays for me - this is a blessing that I can barely describe. Our God is an awesome God!



If both the Spirit of God and the Son of God occupy themselves in prayer to the Father for us - don't you think that we ought to place more emphasis on public and private prayer?

**What Emphasis Did Jesus Put On Prayer?**

How did our Lord Jesus approach prayer? Was it

just something He did *whenever*, or was it an integral part of His earthly ministry?

By looking at **Mark 1:35** we can see **three things** about prayer and our Savior:

*Mark 1:35 (NASB) "And in the early morning, while it was still dark, He arose and went out and departed to a lonely place, and was praying there."*

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proseuchomai

1. It was a priority (*while it was still dark*)
2. It was worth the effort (*went out to a lonely place*)
3. It was focused (*departed - He left the others*)

This is not the only instance of this, for we see the same story in **Mark 6:46**. So Jesus obviously *started* His day by praying. But was this the only time He prayed?

*Matthew 14:23 (NASB) "And after He had sent the multitudes away, He went up to the mountain by Himself to pray; and when it was evening, He was there alone."*

*Luke 5:16 (NASB) "But He Himself would often slip away to the wilderness and pray."*

No, Jesus prayed in the **evening** as well. So He started His day with prayer, and *ended* His day with prayer. Did Jesus just pray alone?

*Luke 9:28 (NASB) "And some eight days after these sayings, it came about that He took along Peter and John and James, and went up to the mountain to pray."*

*Matthew 26:36-37 (NASB) "Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to His disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." {37} And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and distressed."*

No, Jesus often **prayed with - and for - others**. **Jesus spent long periods of time in prayer:**

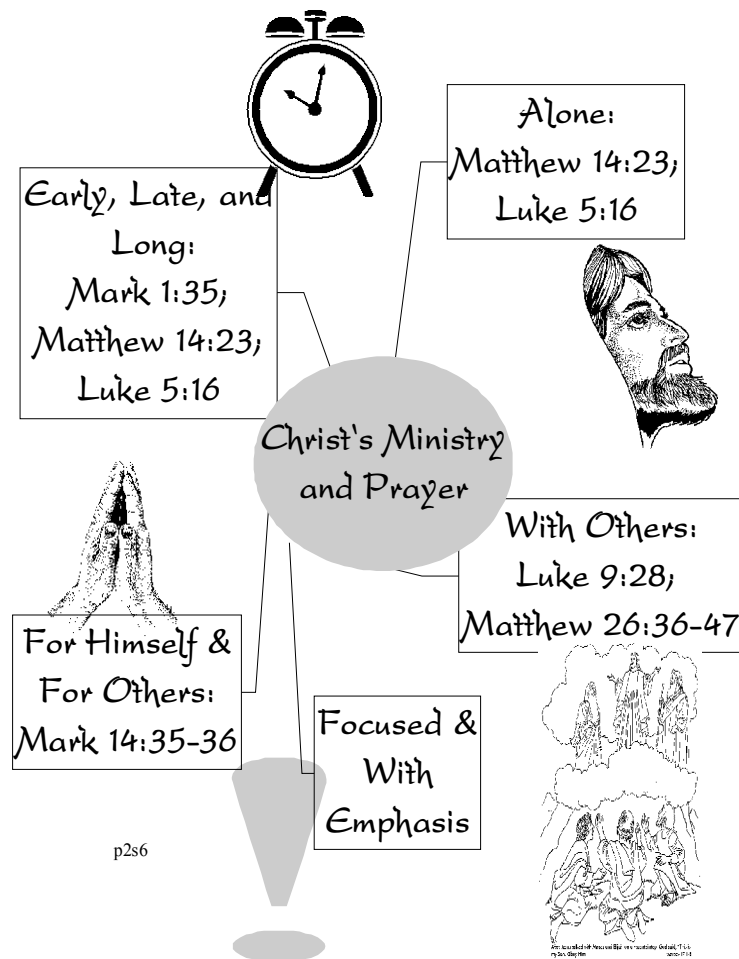
*Luke 6:12 (NASB) "And it was at this time that He went off to the mountain to pray, and He spent the whole night in prayer to God."*

Jesus even **prayed for Himself:**

*Mark 14:35-36 (KJV) "And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. {36} And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt."*

## How Long Should I Pray?

Prayer was *absolutely essential* to the ministry of God our Savior Jesus Christ. **Could Jesus have done what He needed to do without prayer? Absolutely not!** Though Jesus was, is, and will always be God, God Himself has ordained prayer as a mandatory function of life - especially the life of the Believer.



How long should a believer pray for a specific thing? The Bible tells us:

*James 1:5 (KJV)* "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."

**God gives to all liberally** - which makes it strange to me how some people pray. I knew a fellow one time who said that **he prayed for a thing once - and then forgot about it.** He said that, as far as he was concerned, it was foolish to keep asking God for something. God is God, and once is enough.

That may be a simple approach to prayer, but it is as unbiblical as most liberalistic thoughts. What did Jesus say about *persistence* in prayer?

In the **parable of the unjust judge**, Jesus tells the story of a **woman** who was **of no consequence** but, because she *kept on pestering the judge* her case was heard and she won it. The judge was *overwhelmed* by her persistence in pleading her case.

Though **God is never overwhelmed** by our prayers - and though we cannot *force His hand* as this

woman did the unjust judge - He often waits to answer our prayers. God does this for **several reasons**.

*Luke 18:1-8 (KJV) " And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; {2} Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man: {3} And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary. {4} And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man; {5} Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me. {6} And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith. {7} And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? {8} I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?"*

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me ekkakeo,  
not to lose heart

dei pantote, it is  
necessary at all times

**First**, we may often have a need, but not recognize that need as *important*. God our Father wants us to **come to Him to satisfy our needs**. If we approach Him with a "**ho hum** - give it to me if you want, Lord" attitude, then we will never get it.

The woman in this parable had a genuine need, and was *not* going to stop approaching the judge until that need was met, or an answer was given. You must recognize your need, then approach God for it.

Have you ever thought about the creation of **Adam and Eve**? God could have made them both - complete - from the dust of the ground. Instead He made Adam - then waited. When did God make Eve?

*Genesis 2:20-21 (NASB) " And the man gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the sky, and to every beast of the field, but for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him. {21} So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh at that place."*

I don't believe that the lack of a woman was a surprise to Jesus. Our Lord knows all things. But God **waited for man to recognize his need for woman**, that he was *incomplete without woman* - then God created Eve.

So it is with the woman in Christ's parable. She **recognized a legitimate need in her life**, and *kept on approaching* the judge until her petition was answered. When we have a legitimate need that

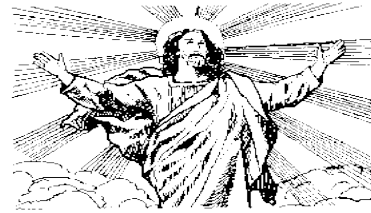
we want God to address, and we *cry day and night*, persistently over that need, then we show God that we trust Him for our provision.

**Second**, God often requires extended praying to *increase our faith*. If you approach God with the attitude that says,

**"God, I need this, but *I know* you won't give it to me ..."**

Then don't be surprised when you don't receive what you ask for. God demands that we approach Him *in faith, believing*. Our Lord Jesus Christ Himself could do no mighty works in Nazareth, His home town, because of the unbelief of the people. His disciples were unable to cast out demons from a child because of unbelief. Unbelief sucks all the power out of prayer. **When God sees a faithless prayer, He refuses to answer it.**

In part three of this series we will look at the Lord's model prayer He gave to us, and the Biblical steps to effective prayer.



*Matthew 13:58 (KJV)*  
*"And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief."*  
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*Matthew 17:18-20 (KJV)* *"And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour. {19} Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out? {20} And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you."*

## Is Jesus Christ Your Savior?

Only *relatives of God* can come before His Throne with prayer. Only *kinsmen by blood* can enter Heaven.

**(Ephesians 2:13-16 NASB)** **"But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. {14} For He Himself is our peace, who made both *groups into one*, and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, {15} by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, *which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances*, that in Himself He might make the two into one new**

**man, *thus* establishing peace, {16} and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity."**

There is only one Way to God, and that Way is In Jesus. You must believe that He is. You must believe in Him, trust in Him, and call on Him to be saved.

**(Romans 5:6-10 KJV) "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. {7} For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. {8} But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. {9} Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. {10} For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life."**

If you have not accepted Jesus Christ as Savior, you need to do this today. Do not be like the rich young ruler, relying on your own ability to get into God's Heaven. If you do, you'll eventually be disappointed at the result.

There is no other name under Heaven whereby we must be saved. Only Jesus. Only Jesus!

Trust Jesus Christ Today! Here's What You Must Do:

**1.** Admit you are a sinner:

**"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" (Romans 3:23)**

**"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:" (Romans 5:12)**

**"If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us." (1 John 1:10)**

**2.** Be willing to turn from sin (repent):

**"I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." (Luke 13:5)**

**"And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:" (Acts 17:30)**

**3.** Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried, and rose from the dead:

**"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)**

**"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners. Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)**

**"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." (Romans 10:9)**

**4.** Through prayer, invite Jesus into your life to become your personal Saviour:

**"For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." (Romans 10:10)**

**"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Romans 10:13)**

What to pray:

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His precious blood and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart and life as my personal Saviour.

**"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:" (John 1:12)**

**"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." (2 Corinthians 5:17)**

If you have received Jesus Christ as your Savior, or have lead someone to the Lord - as a new Christian you should recommend:

**1.** Read and study your Bible every day to get to know Christ better. Use the resources at [bibleteacher.org](http://bibleteacher.org). Ask an older Christian to guide you as you grow.

**"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15)**

**"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." (Psalms 119:105)**

**2.** Talk to God in prayer every day:

**"And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." (Matthew 21:22)**

**"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." (Philippians 4:6)**

**3.** Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority:

**"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:" (Matthew 28:19)**

**"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." (Hebrews 10:25)**

**"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:" (2 Timothy 3:16)**

**4.** Tell others about Christ:

**"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15)**

**"For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!" (1 Corinthians 9:16)**

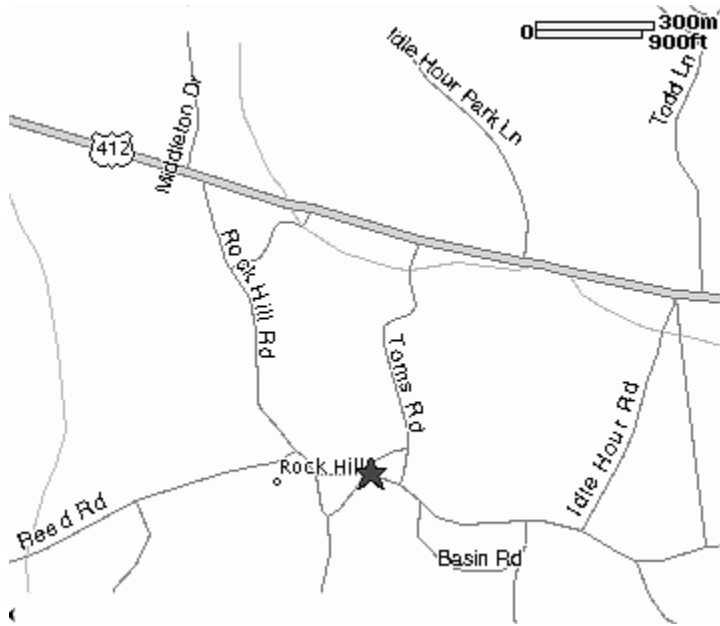
**"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." (Romans 1:16)**

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