



The Purpose of Prayer January 7, 2018

Luke 11:1

1. Prayer is an act of dependence on God.

John 15:5-7

- A. Every time we pause to pray, it indicates that we are depending on God.
- B. Pride is the biggest hindrance to prayer.
- C. Our humble dependence on God increases our possibilities.

John 15:5 John 15:7

2. Prayer is the key to a healthy relationship with God.

1 Cor 1:9

- A. Prayer is how we communicate with God.
- B. Prayer is how we hear from God.
- C. Prayer is how we deepen our intimacy with God.

Jer 33:3

James 4:8

3. Prayer is how we receive God's provisions in life.

- A. Prayer is God's chosen method of meeting our needs.
- B. Some things will never happen unless we pray.
- C. The Lord takes pleasure in answering our prayers.

Phil 4:6 Phil 4:7 John 16:23-24

James 4:2

Ps 145:19 Ps 37:4 Matt 7:9-11

4. Prayer allows us to partner with God to accomplish his purpose on the Earth.

- A. Prayer is God's way of letting us partner with him in touching the world.
- B. Prayer is not limited by time or space or power.
- C. Prayer is unlimited in its power to change people!

John 14:12-14

Matt 6:9-10

Prov 21:1 2 Chron 7:14-16