
SERMON NOTES ❖

Sunday, February 8, 2015

“WHY PRAY?”

(1 Thessalonians 5:17)

We live in a world that screams to get our attention. From the moment you wake up to the second you hit your pillow at night, something or someone wants your time. In the midst of all this noise, where does a time in prayer fit in? Why pray?

1. We pray because _____.
2. We pray out of _____.
3. We pray because we want to _____ more fully.
4. We pray to know _____ more fully.
5. We pray to be _____ to His Image.
6. We pray to acknowledge _____ upon Him.
7. We pray _____ from Him.
8. We pray because God chooses to _____.
9. We pray that God might _____.

“And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed”
(Mark 1:35, ESV).

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change” (James 1:17, ESV).

“One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze

upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple” (Psalm 27:4, ESV).

“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him” (James 1:5, ESV).

“If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!” (Luke 11:13, ESV).

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“And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed” (Mark 1:35, ESV).

2. We pray out of gratitude.

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change” (James 1:17, ESV).

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God” (Philippians 4:6, ESV).

3. We pray because we want to know God more fully.

“One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze

upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple” (Psalm 27:4, ESV).

4. We pray to know our own hearts more fully.

I “But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him” (Habakkuk 2:20, ESV).

5. We pray to be conformed to His Image.

6. We pray to acknowledge our dependence upon Him.

“In him we live and move and have our being” (Acts 17:28, ESV).

7. We pray to receive from Him.

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8. We pray because God chooses to use means.

“The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working” (James 5:16, ESV).

9. We pray that God might receive glory.