

Prayer Pt.1

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For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,¹⁰ so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;¹¹ strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light. Colossians 1:9-12 (NASB)

1. We need to treat prayer as a **PRIVELEGE**.

For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.¹⁶ Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:15-16 (NASB)

2. Why **PRAY?**

You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You understand my thought from afar. Psalm 139:2 (NASB)

Now there is in Jerusalem by the sheep gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew Bethesda, having five porticoes.³ In these lay a multitude of those who were sick, blind, lame, and withered, [waiting for the moving of the waters; ⁴ for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool and stirred up the water; whoever then first, after the stirring up of the water, stepped in was made well from whatever disease with which he was afflicted.] John 5:2-4 (NASB)

A man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years.⁶ When Jesus saw him lying *there*, and knew that he had already been a long time *in that condition*, He *said to him, "Do you wish to get well?"⁷ The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, but while I am coming, another steps down before me." John 5:5-7 (NASB)

- **God wants to hear from you.**
- **God wants you to hear yourself.**
- **Prayer is also commanded in scripture.**

3. Prayer is a **NECESSITY**.

First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men,² for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.³ This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,⁴ who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.⁵ For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,⁶ who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony given at the proper time.⁷ For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying) as a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.⁸ Therefore I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and dissension.

1 Timothy 2:1-8 (NASB)

Notes
