

Pastoral Notes

'Powerful Purposeful Prayer' Lk 11:1; Mt 6:5-13.

It can be argued that **prayer is the most powerful weapon Christians have at their disposal**. It is a critical habit we all must possess. It is prayer that **connects the Holy Spirit, inside** of you, with the Heavenly Spirit above you.

Prayer is essential to deepening your relationship with God as **it is reserved for fallen humanity**. God has not given the ability for Angels nor animals to pray,

invited us to pray when he told us to 'ask, seek and knock'. We accomplish all three of these things by prayer.

Jesus taught his disciples to pray, which suggests that prayer is a learned and practiced behavior. **The more you pray, the better you get.** The Lord's prayer is a 'model' prayer that teaches four key elements of prayer. Our prayers should include an element of: 1) Adoration (praise) 2) Confession (of sin) 3) Thanksgiving and 4) Supplication (requests).

Key Sermonic Points - Prayer should include:

1. *Adoration.*
2. *Confession.*
3. *Thanksgiving.*
4. *Supplication.*

only humans. Prayer is powerful and purposeful because **it changes circumstances and people**. Some have tried sex, drugs and alcohol to deal with problems but found no results until they resorted to prayer. Just as you have gotten good with 'email', **you must become** equally **good at 'knee-mail'**.

Orthodox Jews pray three times a day (Amidah prayers), while devout Muslims pray five times daily (Salat prayers), but **what is the quality and quantity of your prayer life?** Jesus

Don't worry about your words, just **pray what is in your heart for** "God knows what you need before you ask". **The composition of your words, mean less than the disposition of your heart.** End your prayers with Amen which means "so be it" which indicates you in agreement with God.

Meditate on this message. Visit our website, or get a CD, for more depth on this teaching.

Stay Blessed,
Pastor Robbie

Nuggets:

- Prayer connects you to the most powerful being there is- God.
- Prayer ushers you into the presence of God.
- Just as we learn to talk, we must also learn to pray.
- Atomic weapons kill but prayer can heal.
- God wants you to bombard heaven with prayer.
- Prayer is your direct line to God. You can "call him up and tell him what you want".