

WHY SHOULD WE PRAY?

IN PHILIPPIANS 4:6 IT SAYS *“BE CAREFUL FOR NOTHING; BUT IN EVERY THING BY PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION WITH THANKSGIVING LET YOUR REQUESTS BE MADE KNOWN UNTO GOD.”*

PRAYER IS TALKING TO GOD. GOD CARES ABOUT EACH ONE OF US. HE CARES ABOUT OUR NEEDS, OUR PROBLEMS, AND OUR WELL-BEING. THE BIBLE TELLS US IN SO MANY PLACES THAT WE SHOULD TAKE OUR PROBLEMS TO OUR HEAVENLY FATHER.

PRAYER IS NOT TO INFORM GOD OF SOMETHING WHICH HE IS NOT AWARE OF OR TO TRY AND CONVINCHE HIM TO LOVE US MORE. HE ALREADY KNOWS OUR NEEDS EVEN BEFORE WE ASK AND HE HAS CERTAINLY SHOWS HIS LOVE THROUGH HIS SON.

PRAYER SIMPLY ASSISTS US IN BUILDING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD. PRAYER OPENS THE CHANNELS OF GOD'S BLESSINGS.

PRAYER IS HOW GOD ACCOMPLISHES THE THINGS THAT HE WANTS TO SEE HAPPEN IN OUR LIVES. PRAYER OPENS NEW DOORS OF OPPORTUNITY FOR GOD TO MOVE. PRAYER ENABLES HIM TO STEP INTO OUR LIVES.

GOD IS WAITING FOR US TO TALK TO HIM. OUR PRAYER ENABLES HIM TO STEP INTO OUR LIVES. OUR PRAYERS SHOULD COME FROM OUR HEART AND SHOULD BE A CONVERSATION BETWEEN US AND GOD.

OUR PRAYER SHOULD COME FROM THE DEPTHS OF OUR HEART. TALK TO GOD IN DETAIL; ABOUT OUR NEEDS, HOPES, DREAMS, JOYS, AND EVERYTHING ELSE IN OUR LIFE. PRAYER IS OUR LIFELINE TO GOD!

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