

The Word of God and Prayer

The Life and Example of Martin Luther

Lesson:

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Did you know that without prayer, there would be no Protestants?

Martin Luther great things, some of which were:

- * finished the best Bible translation at the time (a masterpiece of German). The KJV is based off that.
- * reminding us the importance of the Bible.
- * justification by faith alone!
- * priesthood of all believers means all of us can minister to each other!

But did you know that Martin Luther is a great man of prayer? Many remember Martin Luther because he began the Protestant Reformation, but how many know of his unbelievable prayer habit:

“Work, work, work from morning to night. In fact, I’m so busy that I will spend the first three hours of my day in prayer!”

What is prayer?

Prayer is a communion with God. What’s that supposed to mean?

Do you talk with your parents? Sometimes, and sometimes not. How will I know that your relationships are going well? If you talk to them! Talking to your parents is good because you know how they work, etc. and they know how you work.

In prayer, we communicate to God, and he communicates to us. Prayer reveals our attitudes towards God. If you don’t care much about God, you will know by how you pray.

- a. How do you refer to God?

Some people say “God”, some say “Heavenly Father”, some say “Friend”, etc. How you refer to God is a reflection of how you think of Him.

- b. How do you talk to Him? What words do you use?

Do you think before you pray? Or do you just pray and whatever comes out goes? At school, if you had to give a speech to the principal, would you just go ahead and talk and see what comes out?

- c. How do you approach prayer?

Do you look forward to, say, prayer meetings? Or is it something to be avoided?

