

# Prayer Basics: Why?

"But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret." Matthew 6:6 (English Standard Version)

We know we should pray \_\_\_\_\_. But why?

## Christians Are Expected To Pray

- A. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 - We may not take this command \_\_\_\_\_, but do we take it \_\_\_\_\_?
- B. Christ teaches about prayer:
1. Matthew 6:5-8 - Christ \_\_\_\_\_ that His followers would pray. But if God already \_\_\_\_\_ - why do it?
  2. Mark 1:35 - Jesus rose early in the \_\_\_\_\_ while it was still \_\_\_\_\_ to pray.
  3. Luke 6:12 - Jesus spent all \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ to God.
  4. By His \_\_\_\_\_ and His \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus showed that prayer is vital.
- C. Swindoll: "When you are a \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ after God's heart, you are deeply \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ things."

## Why David Prayed

- A. Acts 13:22 - David was a man after \_\_\_\_\_ ' \_\_\_\_\_. Let's see why he \_\_\_\_\_ on the Lord.
- B. Psalm 18 - Why David called on the Lord:
1. 18:1 - Because he \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord.
  2. 18:1 - He saw God as his \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. 18:2,3 - He saw God as his \_\_\_\_\_.
  4. 18:4-6 - He knew that God \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_.
  5. 18:7-9 - David knew that God \_\_\_\_\_ to him.
  6. 18:16-18 - He saw God as his \_\_\_\_\_.
  7. 18:19 - He was aware that God \_\_\_\_\_ in His \_\_\_\_\_.
  8. 18:20-22 - God \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.
  9. 18:27 - God \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.
  10. 18:46 - The Lord \_\_\_\_\_; He does not slumber or sleep.
- C. 18:49 - David vowed to \_\_\_\_\_ God and \_\_\_\_\_ to His name. That's what we do, too.

Franklin: "... God \_\_\_\_\_ in the affairs of \_\_\_\_\_. ... I therefore beg leave to move that henceforth \_\_\_\_\_ imploring the \_\_\_\_\_ of Heaven ... be held in this \_\_\_\_\_."

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