

WHEN YOU PRAY SHUT THE DOOR

When you pray you should look at motive: Motive: *An idea, belief, or emotion that impels a person to act in accordance with that state of mind.* Matthew 6:5-6

Ask yourself what motivates you to pray:

- A. Motivated by (Need, Greed, Seed or Love)**
- B. By what or who**
- C. To be seen by God or man**
- D. Public manifestations or private moments**

ENTER INTO THY CLOSET

Closet: A solitary place – Secret place. No distractions, (no TV, kids, work, worries, fears)

A small private chamber, as for study or prayer. A state of secrecy or cautious privacy. Psalms 91:1, Luke 3:21,22, Luke 5:16, Mark 1:35, 6:46, Psalm 23:2, Luke 6:12

When you have shut the door

SHUT THE DOOR THEN PRAY:

- A. When was the last time you really prayed?**
- B. When was the last time you shut the door. Intimacy with God.**

C. What is it that you need to shut the door to?

D. Who do you need to shut the door to?

PRAY TO THE FATHER IN SECRET

Secret: Kept hidden from knowledge or view; concealed. Something kept hidden from others or known only to oneself or to a few. Ps. 91:1, Ps. 18:11, Ps. 81:7 Ezek. 7:22, Matt. 21:13, 1 Kings 19:12

Reward: The return for performance of a desired behavior; positive reinforcement.

PRAYER - DEFINITION

The channel of communication between the Believer and God, whereby God's power is released into the earth realm through the combination of the Believer's faith and the Word of God.

Four Effects of Prayer

- 1. Voice of my Faith – Mark 11:22-25**
- 2. Avenue of Fellowship**
- 3. Release Heaven's power into my situation**
- 4. Revival – the movement of God**

Seven Kinds of Prayer

- 1. Prayer of Agreement – Matt. 18:19**
- 2. Prayer of Faith Petition – Matt. 7:7**
- 3. Prayer of Intercession – Ezek. 22:30**
- 4. Prayer of Praise and Worship Ps. 22:3**
- 5. Prayer of Consecration and Dedication Luke 22:42**
- 6. Prayer of Thanksgiving Mark 14:22**
- 7. Prayer of Forgiveness 1 John 1:9**

Twelve Steps of a Beneficial Prayer Life

- 1. Start every prayer off with praise to God**
- 2. Start waiting on the Lord (expect God to speak to you)**
- 3. Temple cleansing time (acknowledgement of sins)**
- 4. Scripture reading**
- 5. Mental awareness**

Twelve Steps of a Beneficial Prayer Life

- 6. Intercession**
- 7. Petition**
- 8. Thanksgiving**
- 9. Singing unto the Lord**
- 10. Spend time memorizing and meditating the word of God**
- 11. Fellowshiping with the Holy Spirit**

12. Praise and magnify God

Two things Necessary to your Prayer Life

- 1. It must be in line with the will of God**
- 2. It must be spoken**

Ten Steps to Answered Prayer

- 1. Know that God wants to answer you**
- 2. Decide what you want and find the scriptures that say you can have it**
- 3. Ask the Father in Jesus' name and believe you receive when you pray**
- 4. Control your thought life in agreement with what you believe you receive**
- 5. Develop a faith confession in agreement with what you believe you receive**
- 6. Avoid confrontation with those who are not in agreement with what you believe**
- 7. Think and see yourself with the promise of God already manifested**
- 8. Think constantly of God's goodness and faithfulness**
- 9. Expect God to deliver a plan to fulfill your desire**
- 10. Hold a steady course of faith**

Seven Barriers to Your Prayer Life

- 1. Unbelief**
- 2. Selfishness**
- 3. Retaliation**
- 4. Unforgiveness**
- 5. Unconfessed sins**
- 6. Hypocritical Relationship**
- 7. Weaknesses of the body (sleep)**

Instructions: When you finish this study, make a list of all the things you need to shut the door to. Get in a quiet place and ask the Holy Spirit to help you. Then as quickly as possible start shutting the door to those things that hinders you from being intimate with God. Clear your mind and breathe deeply and listen to what the Holy Spirit will say to you.

Remember: Fast 10 days April 11-21 from those things that hinder you from praying and focus, you know what they are. Pray three times per day for one hour each.

All night prayer will be held on April 29 from 12:00 – Until we get a breakthrough.

THINGS I NEED TO SHUT THE DOOR TO – LIST

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