

Sunday May 31, 2009 Prayer : Your Tweet (Conversations) With God

Prayer is Communion with God

You share your heart with God and He shares His heart with you.

Psalm 62:8

Trust in Him at all times, you people; Pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us. Selah

Receive inner-cleansing and healing during prayer

As we pray, we allow God to correct us on the inside and also heal us in our inner being.

Psalm 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Psalm 139:23,24
23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties;
24 And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalm 23:3 He restores my soul;

Receive inner-renewing and strength during prayer

We are renewed in our inner person in prayer. We are renewed, refreshed, encouraged, etc. Visions are revived, new courage is birthed, etc.

Psalm 42:5,6

5 Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him For the help of His countenance.

6 O my God, my soul is cast down within me; Therefore I will remember You...

Isaiah 40:28-31

28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable.

29 He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength.

30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall,

31 But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

2 Corinthians 4:8,9,16

8 We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;

9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed-

16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.

Receive God-Ideas during prayer

Prayer is communion with God. So God speaks to us as we speak to Him. Many times, His speaking to us comes as thoughts, ideas, words, pictures (visions) that come up out of our spirit and into the realm of our intellect where we can recognize, analyze and capture them.

Habakkuk 2:1 I will stand my watch And set myself on the rampart, And watch to see what He will say to me,...



God gives you ideas in prayer that can bring amazing breakthroughs in your life, etc. However, these need to be followed upon, planned out and executed well. Even God-ideas, poorly executed will end in disaster!

Even Jesus Prayed!

If there was any one whom we would consider as a person who didn't "need to pray"....that would be Jesus. But even Jesus prayed, He prayed often and He prayed long hours...!

Mark 1:35 Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed.

Mark 6:45 Immediately He made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while He sent the multitude away. Mark 6:46 And when He had sent them away, He departed to the mountain to pray.

Luke 5:15 However, the report went around concerning Him all the more; and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by Him of their infirmities. Luk 5:16 So He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed.

Luke 6:12 Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

Jesus demonstrated the importance of prayer in His life and then He taught us to give that same importance to prayer:

Luke 18:1 Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart,

We are challenged to walk in His steps 1 John 2:6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

Set aside time for Quiet moments with God

Develop the discipline of a consistent personal life of prayer with God.

What's important is not how long you prayed – but what took place during the time of prayer. I am not against extended times of seeking God. I love being in communion with God for hours and hours. However, I'd rather pray about a matter for 3 minutes, get it settled, be changed on the inside and rise up full of faith, than pray for 3 hours and come out of the prayer time the same way as I went in - unchanged, confused, worried, troubled, anxious, etc.

Commune with God through out the day

1 Thessalonians 5:17 pray without ceasing,

Don't limit your communion with God to your "quiet time" that you have with God at a set time in your schedule. Communion with God goes on through out the day. Send your "twitter" to God – your "tweet" messages to God....all through the day....

A lot of people are using Twitter. Twitter is a free social messaging utility for staying connected in real-time. <u>www.twitter.com</u>. These short Text Messages sent on Twitter are called "Tweets". The White House and even President Barack Obama is on Twitter. President Obama has close to 1million 300 thousand people following him on Twitter!



Prayer is your spiritual twitter. You are staying connected to God in real-time. You Tweet God, and God Tweets back!

Prayer must be followed through with bold faith-action

Prayer is not a spiritual crutch. Sometimes people use "I'll pray about it" or "I'm praying about it", as a way out of making a decision or taking action.

Different Kinds of prayer

There are different kinds of prayer, that you use at different occasions.

- Prayer of asking and receiving
- Prayer of thanksgiving
- Prayer of faith
- Prayer of healing
- Prayer of declaration
- Prayer of agreement
- Prayer of confession of sin
- Prayer of surrender and consecration
- Prayer of dependence and drawing strength from God
- Prayer of intercession
- Prophetic prayer
- Praying in the Spirit (praying in tongues)
- ...etc...

Praying in the Spirit or Praying in tongues

Talk a little about praying in tongues. The importance of praying in tongues. How once can pray in tongues for long hours, etc.

Call for baptism in the Holy Spirit

...if you feel led to, you can give an invitation for people to come forward to be ministered to, to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit and their personal heavenly prayer language...OR...call them forward, close the service and then continue to minister to them...

ALTAR CALL FOR SALVATION

Sermon Notes





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