

“Lord, teach us to pray – Please!”

Part 1

(Notes by Pastor Tim – free to share with others)

Prayer is: “Communication that requires a Conversation”

- Confession/Repentance
- Supplication – Pleading/Urgency in Prayer
- Petitions – The specific requests/needs
- Intercessions – Praying on behalf of others
- Praying in the Spirit/Tongues
- Adoration and Worship
- Praise and Thanksgiving
- Communion (implies conversation, listening, and meditation)

In the Bible Prayer is shown as *relational* and *conversational* – as between friends.

Throughout Jesus’ ministry He often “went off to lonely places” (Luke 5:16)

Jesus’ example shows:

- that **Unseen** Prayer should *dwarf* **Public** Prayer
- He considered prayer the **primary key to accomplishing** God’s work on earth.”

Two Key Elements to a vibrant Prayer Life –

- **“Believing” AND “Unceasing/Persevering”**

- BOTH Elements are found in Heb 11:6 NIV

“And without *faith* it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him *must believe* that he *exists* and that he *rewards* those who *earnestly seek him*.”

“*Persevering and believing prayer* means a **strong** and an **abundant** life.” – Andrew Murray

Our whole **Concept Of Prayer** changes when we understand *how to ABIDE in Christ!* – John 15:5-7

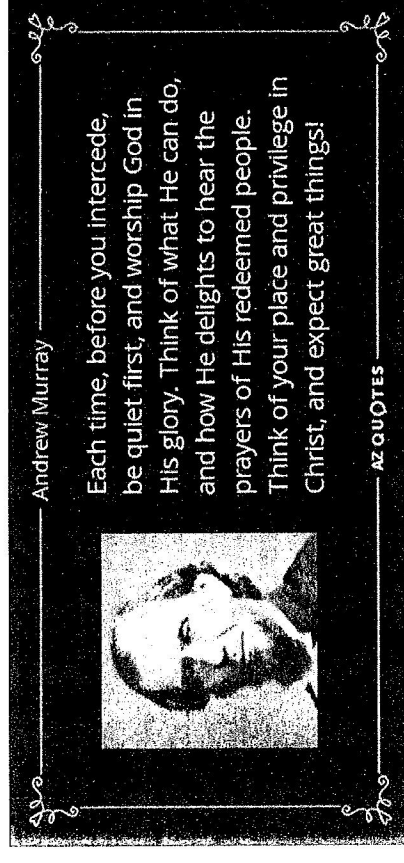
When we learn to abide in Christ – One’s Prayer life will have a **comprehensive effect upon your life:**

- It is essential for **warding off** temptation and discouragement.
- It helps the believer reach **proper decisions**.
- It provides **strength** when pressures become so intense that we are inclined to give up.”

Isa 40:31 NKJV 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.

Our Prayer life is to be one of *abiding* with Christ and Father.
– place of honesty, intimacy, fellowship, humility, and worship
– is to be a time of ongoing Confession, Communion, Conversation
– characterized by bold requests, confidence in Father, Unceasing
– should shape our “whole life” – as God the Father goes with us.

“Lord, teach us to pray, & what it means to abide in You and Your Word abide in us!”



Andrew Murray

Each time, before you intercede, be quiet first, and worship God in His glory. Think of what He can do, and how He delights to hear the prayers of His redeemed people. Think of your place and privilege in Christ, and expect great things!

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