

WHY IS PRAYER SO IMPORTANT?

Ephesians 6:11-18

Introduction: The Bible has many prayers recorded within its pages, prayers by all kind of people, today every church service has prayers in it, some are sung, some are repeated, some are written, some are memorized, some are on the spur of the moment, Christians are encouraged to pray for this and that. Why, exactly is prayer so important?

1. Because there is a devil (*Ephesians 6:12*)
2. It is God's appointed way for His Children to obtain things and the great secret of all the lack in our experience, in our life, and in our work is the NEGLECT of prayer.
 - "...*ye have not because ye ask not...*"
 - We ask, why is there so little progress in our church?
 - We ask, why is there so little fruit from our Christian labors/efforts?
 - We ask why is there so few Sunday School converts?
 - We ask why is our Church making so little, if any head way?
 - "...*ye have not because ye ASK not...*"
3. Jesus Christ and all the great Christians of past history regarded prayer as the most important business of their lives.
4. It is the means that God has appointed for His Children to receive mercy and obtain grace to help them in their time of need.
5. It is the means that God has appointed for His Children obtaining freedom from all anxiety and receiving the peace of God.
6. It is God's appointed way for Christians to obtain power from the Holy Spirit.
7. It is God's way for Christians to keep from becoming too involved in the cares of this world.
8. Because of what prayer actually accomplishes.
 - Prayer promotes the Christian's spiritual growth.
 - Prayer brings power into the Christian's work.
 - Prayer brings about conversions.
 - Prayer brings blessings to the Church and its members.

CONCLUSION:

1. So, why pray?
2. Prayer will solve EVERYTHING!
3. God says to, Jesus says to, the Apostles say to, the Bible says to and experience proves it works.