



BIBLE TALK

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Question: How can my prayer-life be made more meaningful?

Answer: It seems as if you have made a start by showing that you care.

So often we are too preoccupied and busy that our time and interest find interference. As with every question there is a Bible answer.

In the same way that every aspect of a space flight must be considered and prepared, so must prayer. The object of our prayer must be clearly defined. God, our heavenly Father must be the object of our prayers (Co. 1:3), to whom our thanks and petitions are addressed. Jesus is the go-between or mediator, receiving our prayers and beseeching God on our behalf (1 Tim. 2:5; Rom. 1:8; Col. 3:17). Our praying is not to be casual or temporary in nature, but *“continuing instant in prayer”* (Rom. 12:12). The purpose of our prayers is clearly defined in Heb. 4:16, in that it tells us to *“come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace in time of need.”*

The condition of the heart is so necessary for acceptable prayer. The heart should be prepared for prayer by eliminating unforgiven sins (Mk. 11:25-26). When asking, it must be in faith, believing that it will or can be answered (Heb. 11:6; Jas. 1:6-7). My will is not important, but I must comply and ask according to His will (1 Jn. 5:14-15). Someone has said, “We need to pray as if it is all up to God and work like it is all up to me.” It is clear that we have some obligations in helping our prayers be answered. It seems as if our lives need to be lived in a responsive way to be a recipient of His good graces. The keeping of His will and doing things *“that are pleasing in His sight,”* cause God to want to respond to our prayers (1 Jn. 3:22; Ps. 34:15). We must never pray for things that are received, to be used in ways conflicting with our best interest or God’s. (Jas. 4:3) Pray often, that it might become very much a part of our lives (1 Thess. 5:17).

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