

INTRODUCTION

- * Our week of Prayer & Fasting is this week

Prayer is communication with God in worship that is based upon our relationship with Him and that is an indicator of the importance of that relationship in our lives

- * Many view the importance of prayer being summed up the amount of "answered" prayer that is accomplished.
- * So, how do I "catch the ear" of God?

John 11:41-42 ⁴¹ Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. ⁴² And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me."

- * What can I do to assure that God will hear me and answer my prayers?

INSTRUCTION -

I. THE F _____ OF OUR PRAYER

A. _____ Was Focused On The Will Of The Father (cf. John 4:34 ; John 5:19; John 6:38)

B. _____ Should Be Focused On The Will Of The Father (cf. I John 5: 11-20)

1. ASKING IN _____ (cf. Psalm 37:3-4)

2. ASKING IN _____ (cf. John 14:12-21; John 15:7-14; John 16:24-27)

³¹ "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'"

³² For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

~ Matthew 6:31-33 ~

II. THE F _____ OF OUR PRAYER

A. The O _____ of Our Faith (cf. James 1:5-8; Acts 4:23-37)

B. The D _____ of Our Faith (cf. James 1:5-8; Acts 4:23-37; Matthew 17:14-21)

INTROSPECTION

- * HOW DOES YOUR PRAYER LIFE MATCH UP TO THE BIBLICAL COMMAND OF PRAYER?
- * IN THE SPIRITUAL WAR – THE POWER OF THE BATTLE IS IN PRAYER!

Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints--and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak. ~ Ephesians 6:14-20 ~

- * HOW INVOLVED IN THE SPIRITUAL WAR ARE YOU?
- * ARE YOU "CATCHING GOD'S EAR" WITH YOUR PRAYER LIFE?