

Discipline #2: CONTINUAL PRAYER – I am always talking to God.

Key Verses for the Series

- ***Col 4:23** Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;
 - ***Eph 6:18** praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints
 - ***Phil 4:6** Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;
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Series Schedule

- **February 8 – What Does It Mean (& NOT Mean) To Pray?**
- **February 15 – Why Pray?**
- **February 22 – How to Pray**
- **March 1 – What to Pray For (and Not to Pray For)**
- **March 8 – What to Pray For (and Not to Pray For)**
- **March 15 & 22 – Review**

Praying Is What Believers Do

1 Cor 1:2 – To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called [to be] saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

What Does It Mean to Pray?

Praying Is _____ to God

1 Tim 2:1 Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks be made for all men, (you might want to compare with the Model Prayer: Matt 6:9-13 – have students have Matt 6 open)

P _____ God (prayers)

Telling God that You Know Who He Is (holy, creator, savior, lord of the universe)

Telling God that You Want What He Wants

A _____ God

To meet your physical and spiritual needs (supplications)

To meet the physical and spiritual needs of others (intercessions)

T _____ God (giving of thanks)

For What God Has Done

For What God Has Not Done

What Does It NOT Mean?

- Praying is not repeating _____ . (Matthew 6:7)
- Praying is not telling God something He _____ not _____ . (Matthew 6:8)
- Praying is not getting God to do something that He would not otherwise do. We must ask _____ to His _____. (Matt 6:9-10; John 14:13-14; James 4:3; 1 John 5:14)
- Praying is not a way to _____ obedience. (Matt 6:12-13; 1 John 3:22; James 5:16)
- Praying is not getting God to work against the _____ that people _____ for themselves. He will help people, but He will not MAKE someone change his mind. (Rom 1; Col 3:1-4)
- Praying is not _____ - _____ communication. Through prayer we talk to God. God talks to us through His Word.