

A STUDY ON PRAYER

WHY PRAYER IS IMPORTANT

Those who pray do more for the world than those who fight, and if the world is going from bad to worse, it's because there are more battles than prayers.

—Donoso Cortes

I. Recap of Purpose and Problems with Prayer

- A. Glorify God
- B. While making our Petitions

II. Reasons from our God

- A. God Commands Prayer for Us
 - 1. Romans 12:12, Philippians 4:6, I Thessalonians 5:17
 - 2. Why? A Lifestyle of Devotion
 - a. Keeps Faith Right for God and Men
 - b. Enriches our blessings, Makes our Joy Full
 - c. Freedom from worry and anxiety
 - d. Gives strength for trials, affliction, adversity, and misfortune
- B. The Son Intercedes for Us
 - 1. Hebrews 7:11-25
 - 2. John 17:13-26
- C. The Holy Spirit is Ignited for Us
 - 1. Romans 8:26-27
 - 2. Jude 1:17-23
 - 3. Four Questions to Consider
- D. Life of Christ on Earth as Example

III. The Benefits God gives Us

- A. Perfects our Faith as a Witness to Men and Testimony to God
 - 1. Mark 11 Parable
 - 2. Only Seeking His Will? Or Are Prayers not answered?
 - 3. Keeps us from being consumed by the things of this world
- B. Enriched blessings and Filling our Joy
 - 1. John 16:7-27
 - 2. Count it all Joy?
- C. Help Rid us of Worry
- D. Gives us Strength

IV. How Does Importance Influence Us?

- A. For what should we pray?
- B. When should we pray?
- C. Should we Fast?