

The PRIORITY of PRAYER

PREMISES

- * We intuitively know that prayer is the _____: Where _____ are dug, _____ made & _____ deepened.
- * An accurate _____ of the spiritual _____ & _____ of a church is how vibrant & dynamic is its _____.
- * PRINCIPLE: If you want to _____ something, _____ the _____ straight it.

The WHY: 7 Inspirations to Pray

1. Prayer ensures the Lord is _____
= Worship (Psalm 22:3, 1 Chron 29:11, Matt 6:9-10)
 - * When we pray, we are _____ Him in, _____ His sovereignty & _____ our lives.
2. Prayer increases our _____
= Surrender (John 15:5, Phil 4:19, Prov 3:5-6)
 - * Every time we pray, we _____ & _____, loosen the grip of our own _____ & take an intentional step _____ to Him
3. Prayer _____ the _____
= Commitment (Mark 1:35-38, Prov 16:3)
 - * Prayer is like laying down a _____ before walking it.
 - * Prayer sows seed _____ for harvest you'll reap _____.
 - * Prayer paves the way for _____, divine _____, the outworking of His _____, invokes the _____ & _____ of God.

4. Prayer _____
= Spiritual Warfare (Josh 6:20, Acts 12:5-7, Eph 6:10-18)
 - * In front of us there are _____, because we have an Enemy actively working _____.
 - * Prayer is how we _____ the miraculous power of God and spiritual _____ requires spiritual _____.
5. Prayer _____ His _____ into our _____
= Petition, confession, faith (Mark 11:22-24, 1 John 5:14-15)
 - * In Mark 11:23, God doesn't say talk _____ your mountain; He says, talk _____ it & _____ where to go.
 - * When we pray the promises, we literally _____ His truth directly _____ the very situations that trouble us.
6. Prayer _____ our _____
= Consecration (Psalm 139: 23-24, 51:10-12)
 - * Prayer is not so much about changing _____ mind, as changing _____. Prayer is not just about _____; it's about _____.
 - * The real wins are not ease & comfort, but _____ to His will, _____ with His purposes, catching His _____ & _____ in His _____.
7. Prayer _____ God's people _____
= Prayer of Agreement / United Prayer (Matt 18:19-20, James 5:16, Ps 133)
 - * Scripture teaches that prayer _____ results in answers _____.
 - * Hearing another Christian pray, you get to know their _____, _____ & _____ & it draws you _____.