

STEPINFAITH MINISTRY

BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM, INTRO:

"INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP"



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WOMENS' DISCIPLESHIP STUDY

Lesson 4

Prayer Enriching Your Life

Christ's life was filled with prayer. *"And in the morning long before daylight, He got up and went out to a deserted place, and there He prayed"* (Mark 1:35).

If you are to grow into His likeness, you also need to spend time with Him in daily prayer. *". . . Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to teach them that they should always pray and never become discouraged. . . "* (Luke 18:1). He indicated that if you do not pray, you will faint. Without prayer you will be easily defeated by the temptations of the enemy. God assures you that in answer to prayer He will take care of your every need.

Jesus said, *"Until now you have not asked for anything in my name; ask and you will receive, so that your happiness may be complete."* John 16:24 (GNB)

Paul said, *"What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? Truly He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?"* (Romans 8:31-32 MKJV)

Your Lord promises to answer prayer, but there are certain conditions.

"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, then you will ask for anything you wish, and you shall have it." (John 15:7 GNB) In other words, if you live in constant fellowship with Christ, and in Daily obedience to His Word, then you can ask what you will and it shall be done. The first prayer may be difficult. The words may come slowly, but you must keep praying. Even the disciples had to learn to pray.

They went to Jesus and said, *"Lord, teach us to pray . . ."* (Luke 11:1).

The questions in this lesson are designed to help you learn more about prayer and its power.

Fill in the answers as nearly as possible in your own words. Begin NOW to memorize John 15:7.

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Pattern of Prayer

1. To whom am I to address my prayers? (Luke 11:2)
 - ❖ Why, then, am I to approach God in Christ's name? (John 14:6, I Timothy 2:5)
2. Who do I have continually helping me as I pray? (Romans 8:26)
3. How can I be sure that God hears my prayers? (I Peter 3:12; I John 5:14,15)
4. What is God's condition for answering prayer? (Matthew 21:22)
 - ❖ Who am I to believe? (Hebrews 11:6) (Romans 4:20,21)
5. What is the major reason prayer is answered? (John 14:13)
 - ❖ What is another reason prayer is answered? (John 16:24)

Provisions

6. What has God done that assures me that He will provide for all my needs? --(Romans 8:32)
 - ❖ Through whom does God supply my needs? (Philippians 4:19)
7. What can I bring to God in prayer? (Philippians 4:6)
8. What are some of the specific things for which I should pray?
 - ❖ (Matthew 6:11)

❖ (Matthew 6:12)

❖ (Matthew 6:13)

❖ (Romans 10:1)

❖ (James 1:5)

❖ (James 5:16)

9. What is a good prayer I can pray to help me live a life of victory? (Psalm 139:23,24)

Problems

10. What are some causes of prayers being unanswered?

❖ (Jeremiah 5:25)

❖ (Mark 11:25,26)

❖ (James 4:3)

11. If my prayer seems to be unanswered and I believe that I am asking in God's will, what should be my attitude? (Hebrews 10:35,36; Psalm 40:1)

12. What are some characteristics of the prayer life of Jesus?

❖ (Matthew 14:23)

❖ (Mark 1:35)

13. When did David find it best to pray? (Psalm 5:1-3)

- ❖ When would be a good time, and where would be a good place for me to spend a few minutes alone each day in prayer?

- ❖ Time:

- ❖ Place:

- ❖ Why is it important for me to pray daily?

EXAMPLE OF ONE DAY'S PRAYER TIME IN TEN MINUTES

- 60** seconds - Prepare the **HEART**
- 5** minutes - Partake of the **WORD**
- 4** minutes - **PRAY**

- A** - Adore God
- C** - Confess all known sin
- T** - Thank Him
- S** - Supplication for others

- Your needs

GUARD YOUR PRAYER TIME!

Satan will use every device to cause you to miss one day, and when you do – BEWARE: Defeat is near!