

# Prayer

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## Introduction

1. 1 Thessalonians 5:17
2. Prayer is mentioned 545 times in the Bible in 511 verses; Jesus mentions prayer 62 times and prays in 22 different occasions
3. What is the more important subject? Prayer is mentioned 163 times while baptize is mentioned 70.
4. God wants His House to be a House of Prayer. Isaiah 56:7; Matthew 21:13; 1 Timothy 3:15
5. We keep up with the attendance, but what about our prayers?
6. Let us study some things about prayer

## II Discussion

### A. Examples of those who prayed

1. Jesus prayed Mark 1:35; Luke 6:12; **Luke 11:2**; John 17; Luke 3:21; 5:16; 9:28-29; 18:1; 22:32; 23:46;
2. The early church prayed. Acts 2:42; 4:31; 6:4,6; 8:15, 22, 24; 9:40; 10:9; 11:5; 12:5, 12; 13:3; 14:23; 16:16, 25; 21:5; 22:17; 28:8
3. David was a man of prayer. Psalm 55:1-2; 119:146-149;
4. Daniel was a man of prayer. Daniel 6:10
5. Hannah was a woman of prayer. I Samuel 1:10
6. Paul was a praying man. Romans 10:1

### B. God answers prayers.

1. God does hear prayers. Isaiah 65:24; 1 Peter 3:12 John 9:31; Hebrews 4:16; Psalm 120:1; 118:5.
2. God does answer prayers. 1 Samuel 1:17, 20; James 5:17; Acts 12:5-12
3. God answers prayers in five ways:
  - a. Yes. James 5:17
  - b. No. Matthew 26:39,44
  - c. Wait awhile. Jeremiah 42:4, 7
  - d. Something different. 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
  - e. More than we asked. 1 Kings 3:9-14; Ephesians 3:20

### C. We should always at any time pray

1. Continually Luke 2:23; Acts 2:42
2. Midnight Psalm 119:62
3. Before daylight Psalm 119:147. Mark 1:35
4. Morning Psalm 55:2-3
5. Daytime Psalm 22:2
6. Noon Acts 10:9
7. Midafternoon Acts 3:1; 10:3, 30
8. Late afternoon Psalm 119:148-149
9. Night Isaiah 26:9; Luke 6:12

### D. Condition of Acceptable Prayer

1. Properly addressed Matthew 6:9
2. In Christ's name Colossians 3:17

3. In faith James 1:5-7
4. According to God's will 1 John 5:14
5. Right motives James 4:3
6. Sincere, James 5:16; Romans 15:30
7. Understanding 1 Corinthians 14:15
8. Righteous 1 Peter 3:12
9. Submissive Matthew 6:10
10. Humble Matthew 6:5,8
11. Forgiving Matthew 6:12-15; 18:21-35

### III Conclusion

1. We have examples answers anytime acceptable prayer
2. Why not implement prayer into your life
3. There is much to do and we can do
4. Are we ready for the answers to these prayers, we better be.

Sources: Toward Spiritual Maturity by Wendell Winkler; Church growth man's ways or God's way?