

Pray the Word

Word of the Day: Pray

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- 407% more likely to memorize scripture
- 59% less likely to struggle with loneliness
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1) Reasons people do not pray.

Mark 1:35, 1 Peter 3:12, John 15:5, Isaiah 26:3-4

A) They don't plan a time to pray, and the pressures of life keep them from praying. (Mark 1:35)

B) They don't believe that anything will happen if they pray.

C) They do not believe God is close to them. (1 Peter 3:12)

D) They don't believe they need God for all situations. (John 15:5)

E) They don't discipline their minds to pray

2) God expects His people to Pray.

Matthew 5:5-8, Matthew 6:9-10, 1 Kings 18:37

- John 4:23 Jesus said we worship God according to the Spirit and Truth.
- Colossians 4:2 says to devote yourself to prayer.
- 1 Thessalonians 5:17 says to pray continually.
- Hebrews 4:16 says that we can approach the throne of grace with confidence.
- "Our Father", demonstrates the intimacy of what Jesus was telling us about God.
- Romans 8:14-17 calls us children of God.
- Galatians 4:4-5 says that we might receive adoption as sons.
- John 4:24 says that God is Spirit, but He has been revealed to us as Father by Jesus.
- Our prayers should be such that no matter what happens God gets the Glory.

3) Pray the Word

John 14:13-14, Psalm 23:1-4

- 1 John 5:14-15 says if we ask anything according to His will then He hears us.
- "To pray the Bible, you simply go through the passage line by line, talking to God about whatever comes to mind as you read the text." (Praying the Bible, Donald S. Whitney, Pg. 33)
- The purpose of praying the Bible is so that we are asking God for things that are according to His will and for His Glory.
- You are turning your Bible reading into prayer.
- When you pray the word as you read the word you will find yourself talking to God throughout your readings.

Closing

- A Christian should be praying because God desires and provided the way for us to talk to Him.
- We must carve out the time because if we don't then we will be distracted by the busyness of life.
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