

# Lesson Seventeen

## What Does the Bible Teach Concerning Prayer?

1. What is Prayer? (There are three basic principles in ministry: teaching, service, and prayer . . . Acts 6:3-4. We tend to diminish prayer in our discipleship.)

Psalm 19:14 Communication with the Father, Intimacy.

Psalm 10:17 Communication, getting to know the Father relationally.

2. What should lead us to pray?

Matthew 7:7, 8 God's will – We have been invited to talk with God.

Psalm 50:15 Our need, and we are told to do so.

3. How should we pray?

Matthew 4:10 in our worship and with everyone of our word.

John 6:7-9 trusting that the issue will be addressed.

James 1:6, 7 in faith, without doubting in a wisdom context.

1 John 5:14 according to His will.

Luke 22:42 with the prayer of relinquishment.

4. Does God answer every true prayer?

2 Corinthians 12:8, 9 Yes.

John 2:4 Yes, more than we can even realize.

5. What more does the Bible tell us about prayer?

1 Timothy 2:1 we pray for all people.

1 Timothy 2:8 we pray in all places.

1 Timothy 2:5 Our access to the Father is through Jesus alone.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 Prayer without ceasing . . . it is a way of living.

Psalm 26:12 result: we can rest on steady ground.

James 5:16 Prayer is a powerful thing.

6. What or how does Jesus teach us to pray?

Matthew 6:9-13 The Lord's Prayer – the desire to pray.

Romans 8. The Spirit also helpeth us. . . . even when we don't know what to say, he translates our heart.

## Review

A: Why should we pray?

- 1) we have been invited to pray.
- 2) It is His will that we pray.
- 3) He wants us to tell Him.
- 4) He wants us to trust Him.
- 5) He wants us to know who is in charge.
- 6) He wants us to grow in Him.

B: True/False

- 1)  F  We should pray only when we are in need.
- 2)  F  God answers the prayers of those who do not believe.
- 3)  F  We can pray to the virgin Mary and the Saints in a God-pleasing way.
- 4)  F  God always gives us everything we ask of Him.
- 5)  T  We should pray before meals and when we get up in the morning.
- 6)  F  Church is really the only place where we need to pray.
- 7)  F  It is possible to grow spiritually without prayer.