

Prayer Ministry
Praying for the Lost
Lesson 12

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You will understand five steps in praying for the lost and delinquent and you will demonstrate your compassion for the lost through prayer. (Note: There are two sets of people for which we are concerned: 1. those not affiliated and not responding; 2. those affiliated and not responding to the Gospel. Unless specifically noted, "the lost" will refer to both sets.)

Your Heart's Desire

How frequently do you pray specifically for a lost person by name? (Check your response and be honest.)

- _____ At least daily
- _____ Twice or more per week
- _____ Once per week
- _____ Less than once each week

The amount you pray for the lost may indicate one or more things about your thinking.

- 1. How much compassion you have for the lost _____
- 2. Whether or not prayer can have an effect on the lost person's life _____
- 3. It may indicate what you believe about hell and the lost person's destiny _____

Look up Romans 10:1. Paul is talking about his fellow Jews. How does he feel about them?

The essence of prayer is agreeing with God, and God does not want any person to die outside of the blood of Jesus.

2 Peter 3:9. What is God's character and why? _____

As a prayer warrior you will want to cultivate a compassion for the lost that wants "all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4), just as God does.

Five Steps in Praying for the Lost

1. cultivate a genuine concern and love for the lost _____
2. discover specific people in your circles of relationships who are lost _____
3. Prayer appropriately and in detail for these specific people _____
4. Persist in prayer _____
5. Thank God for each step He takes in moving them to salvation _____

Step One: Cultivate a Genuine Concern

Christian History: May men and women have lost their health because of this concern. _____

David Brianerd: "wept himself to death. _____

John Knox: Give me Scotland or I die _____

William Carey: India, 7 years before seeing a convert _____

One of the keys to cultivating a genuine concern for the lost is being impressed with the penalty of being lost.

Security in the Hands of God sometimes leads to: _____

Step Two: Discover Specific People.

Relative: _____

Friend: _____

Acquaintance: _____

Add them to your prayer list. Which do you think is closest to conversion? _____

Which do you think is furthest from conversion? _____

Step Three: Pray

Pray the following requests for each of the persons you listed above.

- a) Lord, bring effective witnesses, including me, across their path.
- b) Savior, arrange circumstances in their life in such a way that the very details of their living will point them to Christ.
- c) Lord, send Your Holy Spirit in great power to convict them of their sin and their lostness.

- d) Father, cause them to understand, through Your Holy Spirit, that Jesus is adequate for their salvation from sin and promises an unimaginable life in Him.

Step Four: Persist in Prayer

keep in mind that delayed answers are sometimes a test of your faith _____

Again, what does Jesus teach us about prayer in John 17? concern about his

followers. and their spiritual struggles. the Leaders

Personal Prayer Requests

You should petition God for your own personal needs. Jesus taught this to His disciples. In the Model Prayer, after the prayer for God's honor and kingdom, Jesus authorized a series of personal requests:

- a) Unity
- b) Perservation and delieverance
- c) Sanctification or holiness

These indicate three large areas God is interested in (to understanding).