

Following Christ

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I. Introduction.

- A. Subject: prayer in the context of following Christ.
- B. If you are not a man of prayer, you do not believe in prayer or prayer is so inconsequential that it is of no use to you.
- C. The normal part of our life should be prayer. (Jeremiah 33:3, John 16:24, Luke 6:12, John 17:11, Colossians 4:2-4)
- D. Prayer is the one activity that all believers are on equal ground. (Ephesians 3:20, Acts 12)

II. The speaker's prayer journey.

- A. Luke 18:12 is true—we should always pray and not be sorry.
- B. The reason Anderson got involved in prayer was his love for the Lord.
- C. God led Anderson to pray about being used in China, and He provided a way. (James 4:2)
- D. Anderson learned that when he prayed for people, God gave him a love for them.

III. What prayer is.

- A. It is moving the Spirit of God against evil spiritual barriers.
- B. It is not about the amount of our faith but the focus of our faith. (Matthew 17:21)
- C. Prayer is a lifestyle not something we tack on. (I Thessalonians 1:10)
- D. Praying is only as effective as we trust God's goodness. (II Timothy 1:4)
- E. Praying will only go as deep as one is in the Word of God.
- F. Prayer is a journey.
- G. God calls us to pray.

Application questions:

1. What stood out to you about Anderson's journey through prayer? Explain.

2. How would you respond to someone who says that the greater one's faith, the more effective his prayer will be?

3. What steps are you willing to take this week to make prayer a regular part of your day? Explain.
