

# Prayer

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Our weaknesses are gifts because they make us aware of our need for Christ. (Philippians 4, II Corinthians 13:4)
- B. Most of us only take prayer seriously when we have a compelling need.
- C. God allows needs in our life in order for us to develop convictions about prayer.

## II. Illustrations of the need for prayer. (Daniel 2, 6)

- A. Very often God gives us answers to prayer, but He gives us a “but.”
- B. We may simply need to continue in spiritual warfare when there is a delay.
- C. It is always too soon to quit.

## III. The foundation of prayer and faith is the promises of God. (II Peter 1:3-4)

## IV. Suggestions for focusing on the promises.

- A. Test a promise by the Word of God. (Deuteronomy 1:21, Isaiah 6)
- B. Test a promise through time. (Joshua 1)
- C. Test a promise through godly counsel. (Acts 13:47, Luke 4)
- D. Meet the conditions of obedience and prayer. (Exodus 17)
- E. Know that the promises are for the glory of God by us. (II Corinthians 1:20)

## V. Areas of promise.

- A. Personal life. (Galatians 5:22-23)
- B. Family life. (Romans 15:13, Isaiah 32:2, 54:13, 49:25, Philippians 2:22)
- C. Ministry. (Isaiah 58:10-12, I Samuel 26)

## **Application questions:**

1. What role does prayer play in your life and how can you challenge yourself in this area?

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2. Which tip for claiming God's promises did you find most helpful? Explain.

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3. How can you better claim the promises of personal life, family life and ministry? Explain.

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