

Last Week: What Prayer Isn't, What Prayer Is.

"Talking to God should be an everyday, almost every situation event, that is real, casual, and most importantly understood to be a conversation with the person that cares for you the most and wants the best for you always. In other words the easiest person you could ever talk too." -Dan Wilvers 4/22/18

Who Do You Think You Are Talking To?

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Common reasons why people don't pray:

1. We don't see immediate results.
2. We don't pray because we feel intimidated... *so we don't pray.*
3. We don't pray because we are not convinced that God really cares.
4. We don't pray because we'd prefer to be our own masters.



Martin Luther counsels the cultivation of prayer as a *habit* through regular discipline. He proposes praying twice daily. "It is a good thing to let prayer be the first business of the morning and the last at night. Guard yourselves against those false, deluding ideas which tell you, 'wait a little while. I will pray in an hour; first I must attend to this or that.'" Prayer, by Tim Keller pg. 89

REMEMBERING WHO you're talking to, will INSPIRE you to pray more!

God demonstrates His INFINITE GOODNESS by:

1. Putting our good above His own.

John 10:14-15 "I am the good shepherd. I know My own sheep, and they know Me, ¹⁵ as the Father knows Me, and I know the Father. I lay down My life for the sheep.

2. Giving us what we need - not what we deserve.

Psalms 103:10-12 He does not punish us for all our sins; he does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve. ¹¹ For his unfailing love toward those who fear him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth. ¹² He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west.

2Peter 1:3 His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

3. Not saying 'yes' to every request.

Matthew 16:21-23 From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things... Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" ²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.

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