

Reading: Psalm 27:1-8, Matthew 6:6

Topic: Personal Prayer
Life

INTRODUCTION: The key to effective _____ lies in the personal contact that we as ministers have with God on a daily basis.

I. JESUS' TEACHING & EXAMPLE:

A. *Created Spiritual Hunger:*

1. Jesus' example of prayer created a hunger in the _____ of His disciples and caused them to ask Him to _____ them to pray. Luke 11:1
2. If Jesus as God manifested in the flesh needed to _____ in His humanity, how much more do we as natural men and women need to _____. Luke 6:12,13

B. *Prayer Will Bring Results:*

1. Jesus gave them a prayer pattern to _____, which we call the Lord's Prayer, and then proceeded to instruct them on the importance of persistence in their _____. Luke 11:5-10
2. The Lord Jesus then reveals His desire to _____ and to answer the prayers of His children if only they will take the _____ to come and ask. Luke 11:11-13

II. THE SECRET PLACE:

A. *Intimacy With God:*

1. The instruction of Jesus was to approach God in a _____ place, that is a private place, and spend time alone with Him. Matt. 6:6
2. Corporate prayer, as the church and the Body of Christ is essential, but it cannot take the _____ of the personal private _____ life of each individual. Ps. 91:1

B. *Shut The Door:*

1. We are living in the most invasive society ever, and time _____ with everything shut out and shut off is a real challenge, but it _____ to be done.
2. Our high tech society with our cell phones, I-Phones, I-Pads, computers, etc. has _____ us the most connected generation ever – all across the _____.
3. This ever-connected way of life can become a thief of our precious _____ alone with God as we deal with our e-mail, face book, chat, tweet & twitter, etc.

III. THE KEYS TO PRAYER POWER:

A. *Self Discipline:*

1. To establish a regular, consistent, private _____ life requires self discipline to give ourselves to prayer just as the Olympic athlete gives him/herself to excel in the _____ they compete in. Acts 6:4
2. If our personal private _____ life is inconsistent, it will catch up with us, perhaps costing us our own _____, maybe even our own soul.
3. One of our former General Superintendants stated that when a _____ falls and fails, most often it can be traced back to the failure in _____ prayer and devotion to God.

B. The Power Source:

1. All of the electronic gadgets and devices that we now use as part of our daily _____ require a battery, which is only good as long as it is _____ regularly.
2. Our personal, private _____ life is our connection to our Charger – our power _____ and without that connection and daily charge, we will soon be spiritually _____. John 15:4,5

C. Effective Ministry:

1. In order to be effective in our ministry, we must have the anointing, and that anointing _____ through our _____ prayer time alone with the Power Source. John 6:63
2. Ministering effectively requires _____ and virtue that only comes from God, thus it requires that this virtue be replenished on a consistent basis. Luke 8:46

IV. THE CALL OF GOD – COME & BE WITH ME:

A. Spend Time With Him:

1. When the Lord draws us and _____ us to come and seek His face, our response should be, “Lord I will seek your face!” Ps. 27:8
2. In Jesus’ encounter with Martha and Mary while visiting at their _____, he told Martha that she was very busy with many things, but one thing was needful – to sit at His _____ and receive from Him something that natural things could not give. Luke 10:41,42

CONCLUSION: All of us want to see revival and all of us want to be effectively _____ by God to minister and to reach our cities, but there is a _____ to pay to see it happen, and that is to have a secret personal daily devotion and be connected to our Power Source.

Answer Key:

Ministry, hearts, teach, pray, pray, follow, prayer, hear, time, secret, place, prayer, alone, needs, made, world, time, prayer, sport, prayer, ministry, minister, private, routine, charged, prayer, source, dead, comes, secret, power, calls, home, feet, used, price