



**“Giving and Growing to Glorify God”  
Giving Oneself to Prayer  
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**Introduction**

Over the next three months, we will explore several aspects of prayer and what it means to give and grow to glorify God through this spiritual privilege God grants his children. This series of lessons will begin with an introduction of prayer. Then we will explore several aspects of prayer such as the definition of prayer, when we ought to pray, to whom we ought to pray, who should lead prayers, how to pray, the several components of prayer, the importance of faith in prayer, one’s steadfastness in prayer. Lastly we will examine one of Nehemiah’s prayer and the Lord’s Prayer found in John chapter 17.

As we give ourselves over to these lessons, we will realize prayer is often indicative of one’s reliance on God. If we are going to give and grow to glorify God, we have to rely on God. One major aspect of relying on God is that we constantly communicate with God. Unfortunately with many individuals, their communication with God is limited. They usually pray only when they experience setbacks. Instead of praying constantly, living a prayerful life, many have a sporadic prayer life which hinders their everyday walk. Prayerfully, before this series of lessons is concluded, all who fall into that category will have come to a better knowledge of God’s word as it pertains to prayer. For those who do not fall into the category just mentioned, these lessons are also designed to help strengthen our awareness, our appreciation and our reliance on God.

Ultimately, our objective is to “Give and grow to glorify God through prayer.”

**Quarter Objectives:**

1. TSW establish and maintain a relationship with a prayer partner.
2. TSW keep a prayer journal.
3. TSW evaluate some of the definitions of prayer.
4. TSW will learn some of the synonyms for prayer.
5. TSW will determine set times of prayer.
6. TSW understand why we pray.
7. TSW determine who we should pray to.
8. TSW focus on how we should pray.
9. TSW understand when men and women should lead prayers.
10. TSW learn the importance of prayer and its benefits.
11. TSW consider the various things we should and should not pray for.
12. TSW consider and discuss the importance of faith in prayer.
13. TSW consider those things that hinder our prayers.
14. TSW understand double-mindedness in prayer.

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Wednesday Night Adult Bible Class*

DATE	LESSON	TEXT	MEMORY VERSE
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Introduction to Prayer Part I	Phil 4:6-7	Phil 4:6-7
April 11 <sup>th</sup>	Introduction to Prayer Part II	Phil 4:6-7	Phil 4:6-7
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Acceptable Prayer & Components of Prayer	1 Cor 14:15	1 Cor 14:15
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Acceptable Prayer & Components of Prayer	1 Cor 14:15	1 Cor 14:15
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Examination of the Lord's Prayer	John 17	John 17:20

**Activities:**

- **Prayer Partner.** From the youngest member to the eldest, it is our desire that each member have a prayer partner. Husbands and wives should be each other's prayer partner. If, in the past they were not, they are asked to now. Prayer partners should pray together, either in person or on the telephone a minimum of 3 times a week. Husbands and wives are asked to prayer together daily. It is my desire that every brother and sister have a prayer partner. If necessary, you can have more than one. I will ask questions concerning your progress.
  
- **Prayer Journal.** In addition to having prayer partners, you are strongly encouraged to keep a prayer journal. Here are some possibilities for your first journal entry:
  - The benefits of having a prayer journal.
  - The set times I pray are...
  - The things I pray the most for are...
  - In my understanding, this is how important prayer is...
  - These are some of the things I prayed for, and I am still awaiting an answer...

***Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Phil 4:6-7***