

How can we stay motivated to live a lifestyle of consistent prayer? What will compel (drive) us to prayer on a daily basis?

➤ **Driven to Prayer: Distress or Desire?**

Psalms 42:1-2 (NKJV)

*1 As the deer pants for the water brooks,
So pants my soul for You, O God.*

*2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When shall I come and appear before God?*

➤ **Knowing God**

➤ Prayer is the _____ that God has _____ that allows us to interact with Him.

➤ The main purpose of prayer is to allow God and a human individual to develop _____.

➤ **Relationship, Relationship, Relationship!**

Psalms 27:4, 7-8 (NKJV)

*4 One thing I have desired of the LORD,
That will I seek:*

*That I may dwell in the house of the LORD
All the days of my life,
To behold the beauty of the LORD,
And to inquire in His temple.*

*7 Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice!
Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.*

*8 When You said, "Seek My face,"
My heart said to You, "Your face, LORD, I will seek."*

Psalms 103:7 (NKJV)

*7 He made known His ways to Moses,
His acts to the children of Israel.*

- Do you know God's _____ or do you know God's _____?

Psalms 91:1, 14-16 (NKJV)

*1 He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High
Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.*

*14 "Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him;
I will set him on high, because he has known My name.*

*15 He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble;*

I will deliver him and honor him.

*16 With long life I will satisfy him,
And show him My salvation."*

- **Are you a Mary or a Martha?**

Luke 10:38-42 (NKJV)

38 Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. 39 And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. 40 But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." 41 And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. 42 But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

- It's easy to get busy doing things for God.
- Can you do the one thing that is _____, the good part that cannot be _____?
- It's all about relationship!!!
- Consider: Early morning prayer allows you to put God _____, before the "business" of the day steals your _____.

➤ **The Priorities Principle**

- Question: Why did God give Solomon power and riches when Solomon had only asked for wisdom?

1 Kings 3:5, 10-11a (NKJV)

5 At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask! What shall I give you?"

10 The speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing.

11 Then God said to him: "Because you have asked this thing..."

- The Priorities Principle: When you get your _____ straight, God has a way of giving you the _____ blessings as well.

- Focus on relationship with God and God will take care of the _____

_____.

Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV)

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Philippians 3:10 (NKJV)

That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death

- **Homework Assignment:** For one week focus your personal prayers on relationship (not ministry, not anointing, not blessing). Just seek to _____ Him.