



# The Importance of Prayer

## Do We Pray As We Ought?

### INTERACTIVE OUTLINE

Sunday Morning: 10:30 am  
Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 29:12-13

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**Intro:** The average prayer is only 7 minutes long.

#### I. BACKGROUND TO THE DISCUSSION:

- A. The nature of God is to **a**\_\_\_\_\_ prayers (Ps 65:2).
- B. "Before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear (Isa 65:24).

#### II. SIX REASONS WHY PRAYER IS IMPORTANT.

- A. God commands it (I Thess 5:17, Lk 18:1, Phil 4:6, II Tim 2:1).
- B. Jesus relied upon it (Lk 9:18, Lk 6:12, Mk 1:35, Lk 5: 15-16).
  - 1. Jesus was, on occasion, too busy to eat or sleep, but never too busy to pray.
  - 2. If we are too busy to pray we are not walking in His footprints or following His example.
- C. It was a top priority of the early **c**\_\_\_\_\_.  
The apostles gave themselves continually to **p**\_\_\_\_\_ and to the word of God" (Acts 6:4).
- D. Because there is a **d**\_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1. Praying regularly and consistently will help you to resist Satan (Jas 4:8).
  - 2. Before a faithful prayer warrior, not only are mountains moved, but Satan trembles.
- E. Because it is God's means of obtaining blessing (Jas 1:5, Heb 4:16).
- F. Because of the present work of Jesus **C**\_\_\_\_\_. (Heb 7:25).

#### Conclusion:

- A. Prayerlessness is **s**\_\_\_\_\_ (I Sam 12:23).
- B. Let's pray as we ought and we will live as we ought!

#### SCRAMBLED ANSWERS:

sin  
devil  
Christ  
prayer  
church  
answer