

PRAYER QUESTIONS:

YEM Class 2005

1. What is prayer?
2. Why should we pray?
3. What things should we pray about?
4. What are some ways God answers our prayers?
5. What hinders our prayers?
6. How often should we pray?
7. What are the benefits of a prayer-filled life?
8. Give some ideas on how we can develop a consistent prayer life.
9. What examples do we have from the Bible of men and women of prayer?
10. How can our prayers be effective, and what does that mean?
11. How do we deal with someone dying when we prayed hard for their healing?
12. What is the role of fasting with prayer?
13. What is the difference between individual and corporate prayer?

Prayer is:

1. The predominant and important part in the Lord's life (Mark 1:35; Luke 6:12).
2. The ministry of the Lord today is interceding for believers (Hebrews 7:25; Romans 8:34).
3. The most important business in the lives of the apostles (Acts 6:4).
4. God's appointed way to obtain things (James 4:2):
 - a. Mercy and grace in time of need (Hebrews 4:16).
 - b. Fullness of joy (John 16:24; Psalm 16:11).
 - c. Freedom from anxiety (with thanksgiving) (Philippians 4:6,7).
 - d. Filled (controlled) by the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18-20).

What Prayer Accomplishes:

1. Promotes spiritual growth (Psalm 139:23,24).
 - a. Behold wondrous things out of God's Word (Psalm 119:18).
 - b. Whereby we receive Wisdom (James 1:5).
 - c. Whereby we receive Strength and Guidance (2 Chronicles 20:12).
2. Brings power to do our work for the Lord, and boldness to speak the Word (Acts 4:29).
3. An essential weapon to defeat Satan (Ephesians 6:12,13,18).
4. Brings blessing to all men (1 Timothy 2:1).
5. Brings about the salvation of souls (Psalm 126:5; 1 Timothy 2:1,4).
6. Brings blessing to individual believers (Ephesians 6:18; 1 Timothy 2:1,2).
7. Brings blessing to assemblies (1 Timothy 2:1; 3:15).

Hindrances to Prayer

1. Wrong at home (1 Peter 3:7).
2. Unrighteous (1 Peter 3:16,17).
3. Iniquity in heart (Psalm 66:18).
4. Ask amiss (James 4:3).
5. Not hearing law (Proverbs 28:9).

(Every day, many older saints, who have continued steadfastly in prayer (Romans 12:12), leave this earth through death and move on to heaven. This creates a "job opening" for people who will commit themselves to praying faithfully. Many of these positions remain unfulfilled. Will you fill one of them?—*Our Daily Bread*—December 16, 2005.)