

Love Lesson 2

Finding Purpose in Prayer

1. From lesson #1, reflect on a particular passage or question that blessed you. Share why or how you were blessed.

2. Read Luke 11:1
What do the disciples ask Jesus to teach them?

3. Read Acts 4:24-31 and Matthew 6
What is prayer?

4. Read Romans 10
How do we approach God through prayer? List 5 responsibilities we have when we pray?

5. What does scripture reveal to us about God?
 - a) God's Power? (1 Chronicles 29:11,12)
 - b) God's holiness? (Psalms 86:5-12)
 - c) God's wisdom? (Jeremiah 32:16-23)
 - d) God's justice? (1 Samuel 2:6-10, Psalm:7-11)

 - e) God's faithfulness to his word? (Nehemiah 9:4-8)

6. Read 1 Timothy chapter 2

What should we offer on behalf of all men?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

7. How often do we think to pray for others without being prompted?

8. List at least one reason why we must pray for the following:

- a) Rulers (1 Timothy 2:1 & 2)
- b) Children (1 Chronicles 29:19)
- c) Lost (Romans 10:1-3)
- d) Enemies and persecutors (Luke 6:27 & 28, Acts 7:60 and Luke 23:34)
- e) Sick (3 John 1:2)
- f) All Christians (Ephesians 6:18)

9. Who is exempt from needing our prayers?

BONUS READING

The Bible contains multitudes of examples in which men of God interceded on behalf of God's people. Here are just a few of them:

Moses [Num. 11:2; 21:7; 14:13-20; Deut. 9:18-20,25-29; Ex. 32:9-14,31,32].
Samuel [1 Sam. 7:5-11; 12:19-25]. Solomon [1 Kings 8:22-54]. Ezra [Ezra 9:1-15].
Nehemiah [Neh. 1:4-11]. Daniel [Dan. 9:3-20]. Jesus - Luke 22:31,32 (for Peter).
Paul [Col. 1:3,9-14 [Rom. 1:9-12; Eph. 1:15-19; Phil. 1:3-11; 1 Thess. 1:2; 2
Thess. 1:11,12; 2:13; 2 Tim. 1:3]

Note that most examples were prayers, not just for God's people in general, but for specific individuals or congregations.

Do we show this personal concern for others in our prayers?

10. Read Matthew 6 again

What does this passage reveal or say about:

a) God's will to be done - Matthew 6:9-13 and Matt. 26:39

b) Necessities of life - Matthew 6:11, Acts 27:35; Matt. 15:36; 14:19; 1 Tim. 4:3-5; Luke 24:30

c) Forgiveness of sins and deliverance from sin - Matthew 6:12.

d) Ability to recognize and resist temptation - Matthew 6:13. Matt. 26:41; Eph. 6:11-18; 2 Cor. 13:7; Luke 22:31,32; John 17:14-16

11. How do our prayers compare to Bible prayers?

12. Are there areas where we need to improve our prayers?

13. Does God really answer prayer?

14. Do you believe that God hears your every prayer?

15. Read 1 John 5:14,15

Put into your own words what this scripture means to you.

16. Read 1 John 3:22

What must we do to receive from God?

17. Read James 5:16 – 19

Explain what happened to Elijah's petition?

18. Read 1 Peter 5:7

What must we cast on God? Why

19. Read 1 John 5

Why is it important to pray for God's will?

20. Read 1 Corinthians 14:15,16

What two things must we pray for?

21. For the following scriptures, read each passage and explain in 10 words or less what happens in each.

a) Read 1 Samuel 1:10,15

b) Read Jeremiah 29:12,13

c) Read Luke 22:44

d) Read Matthew 6:5

22. What is it that you are seeking God to do in your life?

23. What prayers are you worried that God won't answer or that he did not hear you pray?

24. Can you handle the yes/no answer from God?