

Fresh Start

When You Want To See Prayer Really Change Things

Colossians 4:2 ...devote yourselves to prayer...

1 John 5:14-15 ... since we know he hears us when we make our requests, we also know that he will give us what we ask for.

1. Keep the _____

Philippians 3:8 Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

Key: I pray _____

Hebrews 11:6 And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.

2. Make prayer a _____

Ephesians 6:18 Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion.

- _____
- Include talking and listening
- Be _____

“Jesus if I was being completely honest with you right now, I’d say...”

Matthew 7:23 I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God’s laws.

3. Prioritize _____

1 John 1:9 But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

4. Pay attention to _____

Romans 8:6 So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace.

Romans 12:2 ...let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.

Conversational prayer

When you wake up, start a conversation with Him that you carry on all day (don’t stop talking to Him). Tell Him...

- How you feel
- What you are concerned about
- What you are grateful for
- What’s frustrating you
- Where you are in pain

Ask Him questions

- Is there something you want me to do about this situation?
 - Is there anything you want to say to me?
 - How can I build this friendship with you?
 - Do you want me to serve anyone today?
 - Am I “off the path” in any area of my life?

Ask for His help

- Give me wisdom with this situation
- Please show me how to handle this better
- Please help with this need in my life

Remember why you are doing it: Only about His friendship

How Can I Know God Is Speaking?

- Does it fit the character of God?
- What does the Bible say about this?
- Is it wise?
- Does it fit who God made me to be?
- What do wise people say about this?
- When in doubt, ask again

“If you believe God has told you to do something, ask him to confirm it to you three times: through his Word, through circumstances, and through other people who may know nothing of the situation.”

Dallas Willard