

What is Prayer?

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## Prayer...

Is your one-on-one connection with God that leads to a transformed life of joy and peace

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- 1. Brings you closer to God & clarifies your purpose in life
  - God created us to know Him personally, 17:3
  - God created us to glorify Him through obedience, 17:4, 22
- 2. Prepares you to live in a world that is hostile to the Gospel
  - To know God intimately, 17:9
  - To keep you faithful to God, 17:10-12
  - To produce joy through turmoil, 17:13
  - To protect you from evil, 17:14-16
  - To make you holy, 17:17-19
- 3. Challenges you to unite with other Christ followers ...
  - So that God's people will be one, 17:20-22
  - For unity in the body of Christ, the church, 17:23
  - And focus on your future in heaven, 17:24-25
  - Showing love for one another, 17:26

## **BOTTOM LINE**

Prayer is one of the most powerful spiritual roots we possess along with the Bible. How you pray and study God's Word determines how God's power transforms your life.