

HAVING AN EFFECTIVE PRAYER LIFE with Debbie Croston

PART I - GETTING BACK TO THE BASICS

I. WHAT IS PRAYER?

Prayer is one of the most beautiful gifts god has given His Children
It is a conversation between you and your Heavenly Father
Prayer is Privilege and a Responsibility

II. WHY PRAY?

(Gen. 3:8,9 -John 15:15 -Exodus 33:11- Psalm 44:1,2. 34:8- Isaiah 40:31-Luke 5:16
Jeremiah 33;3- John 16:13- Psalm25:4,5- Ephesians 6:18- James 5:16-

- a. Build intimacy with God
- b. When it becomes part of your daily routine- if becomes a delight
- c. It requires an intentional spiritual discipline
- d. Prayer renews your strength
- e. Jesus got away from distractions
- f. Prayer provides clarity and direction
- g. Prayer changes us
- h. Chains break and strongholds crumble

III. WHERE DO I START?

(Matthew 6:9-II Corinthians 5:14-)

Designate a time each day – no distractions
Jesus responded to the disciples - Our Who Art in Heaven
Journal the revelation you receive from the word

IV. WHAT IF I DON'T PRAY?

(Galatians 3:3- John 15:5- I Thessalonians 5:17- Judges 16:19,20 Matthew 26:41-
Ephesians 3:16 -)

Your lifeline is cut off

It weakens your spiritual sensitivity

You are unable to discern HIS voice, HIS conviction, His direction

Lose your strength

Prayerlessness leads to weakness and defeat

V. GOD IS A GOD OF RESTORATION

(James 4:8- Revelation 3:20)

Repent, Draw near to HIM and HE WILL Draw near to YOU