

Sermon Title: This Can Change Everything

Scripture: James 4:2 ESV

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What is the one thing you can do that will change your next year for the better?

“Here is my concern...what was fundamental for the early church has become supplemental in the 21st-century church.”

—JD Greear – Just Ask (p.17)

1. We pray because we are _____ to pray

1 Thessalonians 5:17 ESV

17 pray without ceasing,

Luke 18:1-8 ESV

18 And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. 2 He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. 3 And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’ 4 For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect man, 5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.’” 6 And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says. 7 And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? 8 I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

Luke 6:28 ESV

28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.

Matthew 6:9 ESV

9 Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

2. We pray because it increases our _____

John 16:24 ESV

24 Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

3. We pray because it's a staggeringly awesome _____

Romans 11:34-36 ESV

"For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" 35 "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" 36 For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

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2 You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask.

Your prayers are having a cosmic impact on the universe.