

HABITS THAT TRANSFORM

Matthew 7:24-25

Prayer

“Now this is eternal life: *that they know you*, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, who you have sent.”

LUKE 22:42

“I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, *so that you may know him better*. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.”

EPHESIANS 1:16-19

“This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins... We love because he first loved us.”

1 JOHN 4:9-10, 19

“Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.”

LUKE 22:42

“Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.”

JOHN 14:12-14

“Prayer”

There are incredible benefits in this life, and the next, through the gift and grace of prayer. Few things bring us as close to heaven. Yet prayer can feel like such a chore or duty at times and we can lose heart in continuing in it, so that it never becomes a life-giving habit. The good news is that we can begin again, renew the conversation, and/or mix up how we pray. In prayer we become increasingly:

1. relational
2. responders
3. reciprocative
4. recipients

NEXT WEEKEND: “Habits That Transform - Self-Denial”