

Sermon Notes

- God created you in His image, and we are the Crown of Creation.
- God has given us EVERYTHING
- God intended for us to live with No Shame and No Condemnation
- God gave us freedom to CHOOSE Him.
- God can be TRUSTED and He NEVER withholds good things from His children
- God wants to have a daily, intimate relationship with you!

1 Timothy 2:1 (ESV) *"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."*

- 1) **Supplication** – when we feel we are in need of help.
- 2) **Prayers** – requests for the everyday matter in life.
- 3) **Intercession** – using our access to God on behalf of others.
- 4) **Thanksgiving** – "Thank you" = the greatest words of faith.
- 5) **"News" sharing** – "talking through" the day.
Psalm 36:9 *"In Your light we see light."*
- 6) **Intimate connection** – love the Lord your God with all your heart ...
- 7) **Declarative prayer** – establishing the Kingdom in your life.
- 8) **Praying Scripture** – releasing the power of God's declared will.
- 9) **Spiritual Warfare** – because our struggle is not against flesh and blood.
Isa 54:17; Psalm 91:10
- 10) **Be filled with the Holy Spirit** – learn to recognize that He is ever present.
Ephesians 5:18 (b) (ESV) *... be filled with the Spirit.*

Discussion Questions

- 1) We hear everywhere that God wants to be first in every area of our lives, but why do you think that is so important?
- 2) If we know from scripture that God has given us everything we need, why do we continue to look elsewhere to get our needs met?
- 3) How would you rate your current prayer life? Best friend level? College buddy? Buddy from high school?
- 4) What are practical ways you can improve your prayer life?
- 5) Often in relationships, we don't invest time and energy if we don't trust someone. Where is your trust level with God?