

SUNDAY SERMON QUOTES NOVEMBER 25, 2018

- Prayer isn't unique as a practice, but Christian prayer is unique because it's the only kind of praying that is a) mediated by Jesus, the only way to the Father; and b) empowered, guided, and corrected by the Holy Spirit (Rom 8:26)
- "Prayer is...the conversation where your life and your God meet." – David Powlison
- Prayer is, as A.W. Pink wisely reminds us, an "attitude of dependency, dependency upon God. Prayer is a confession of creature weakness..."
- Prayerlessness reveals a self-sufficient heart attitude of independence.
- "Many people struggle...to pray because they are focusing on praying, not on God." – Paul Miller
- Sam Storms once said, "The easiest thing about prayer is quitting."
- If you believe, like Jesus did, that you can't do anything in life on your own, then you will find yourself talking to God as often as possible.
- "Father, help me learn to talk to you, to ask of you, to believe in you, like a child." Have you ever noticed how children are without guile in their talking? They say what they are thinking. They ask for what's on their hearts. And they keep coming after what they want. They do this because they believe their parents want to do them good, they want to protect them, and they love them. These things are all true of our heavenly father. So, talk to Him as often as possible
- "Prayer is the walkie-talkie on the battlefield." – John Piper
- "We know God will answer us when we call because one terrible day he did *not* answer Jesus when *he* called. . . . Jesus' prayers were given the rejection that we sinners merit so that our prayers could have the reception that he merits." – Tim Keller
- Jon Bloom says the three ingredients to Christian boldness are Spirit-empowered conviction, courage and urgency. These are the things that get our feet moving, our mouths open and our hearts on fire.
- "Wisdom is knowing what to do when the rule book runs out. It's knowing how to become all things to all men without compromising holiness and truth. It is creativity and tact and thoughtfulness. It's having a feel for the moment, and having an eye for what people need and want." – John Piper