

## Grown-ups Series

### Prayer

12.7.25

### Part 2

1 Peter 2:2 Like newborn infants, desire the pure milk of the word,<sup>[a]</sup> so that by it you may grow up into your salvation,

Prayer.

Colossians 4:2 Devote yourselves to prayer; stay alert in it with thanksgiving.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 pray constantly,

Review.....

Why don't we pray?

Because we may not know how

Because we may have a priority problem

Because we may not see prayer as part of a relational duty

Because we minimize prayer since "God already knows what we need"

Because we have not had our previous prayers answered.

The greatest tragedy of life is not unanswered prayer, but unoffered prayer.

F.B. Meyer

Why pray?

1. Because we don't always know what to do

James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

God's solution is a prayer away!

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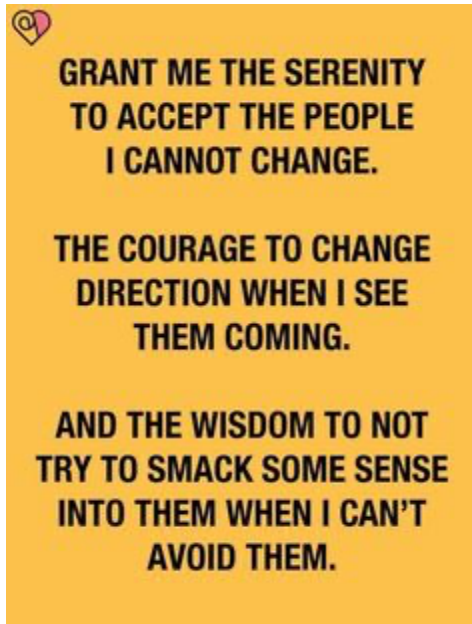
2. Because we struggle

II Cor 12:7 or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.

3. Because we are surrounded by “them”

Difficult people

[Matthew 5:44](#) <sup>44</sup> But I tell you, love your enemies<sup>[a]</sup> and pray for those who<sup>[b]</sup> persecute you,



Hurting people

James 5:16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

4. Because we have an enemy

Ephesians 6:18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

When a Christian shuns fellowship with other Christians, the devil smiles, When he stops studying the Bible, the devil laughs. When he stops praying, the devils shouts for joy.

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5. Because we all goof up

I John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

6. Because we tend to be worry.

Phil 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

No one can pray and worry at the same time.

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When the problem is worry, the prescription is prayer.

David Jeremiah

7. Because we are Jesus followers and Jesus prayed!

Close:

Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?

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