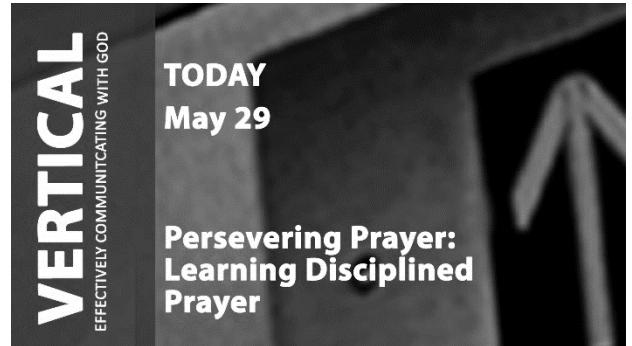


Series: Vertical: Effectively Communicating With God.

Title: Persevering Prayer: Learning Disciplined Prayer.

Text: Luke 18:1-8

Introduction:



Memory Verse

Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. (Psalm 46:10)

Big Idea – With enough _____ in prayer a positive outcome can be experienced through _____.

Let's look at 3 requirements to persevering in prayer.

I) Persevering Prayer Requires a _____ to Pray

"And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint." (Luke 18:1)

"Pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

"Yet because the widow troubleth me" (Luke 18:5)

II) Persevering Prayer Requires _____ Everyday

"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth: but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." (Joshua 1:8)

"I cried unto God with my voice, even unto God with my voice; and he gave ear unto me. In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord: my sore ran in the night, and ceased not: my soul refused to be comforted. I remembered God, and was troubled: I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed. Selah. Thou holdest mine eyes waking: I am so troubled that I cannot speak. I have considered the days of old, the years of ancient times. I call to remembrance my song in the night: I commune with mine own heart: and my spirit made diligent search. Will the Lord cast off for ever: and will he be favourable no more? Is his mercy clean gone for ever: doth his promise fail for evermore? Hath God forgotten to be gracious? hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies? Selah. And I said, This is my infirmity: but I will remember the years of the right hand of the most High." (Psalm 77:1-12)

III) Persevering Prayer Requires _____ In Christ.

"Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me." (John 15:4)

"If ye abide in my, and my works abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." (John 15:7)

"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you." (John 15:16)

"Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples" (John 15:8)

"Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted." (Psalm 46:10)

"These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full." (John 15:11)

Conclusion:

A disciplined prayer life is one that perseveres through all that life brings and develops into an extremely close _____ with Jesus.

Next Steps:

- Memorize Psalm 46:10
- Become a Follower of Jesus
- Commit to staying connected with Jesus for the next 21 days.

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