

DON'T STOP NOW

"TALK TO YOUR DAD" SERIES | PART 4 OF 6

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MATTHEW 6:9-11 NIV

"This, then, is how you should pray: " 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, ¹⁰your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹

Give us today our daily bread...

3 PRINCIPLES OF PRAYER:

WEEK 1: PRAYER IS **THE CONVERSATIONAL PART**
OF THE MOST IMPORTANT LOVE RELATIONSHIP OF YOUR LIFE.

WEEK 2: PRAYER IS RECONNECTING YOU WITH YOUR **HEAVENLY FATHER,**
YOUR **HEAVENLY IDENTITY,** & YOUR **HEAVENLY PURPOSE.**

THIS WEEK: **CONTENDING IN PRAYER** REVEALS MY DESPERATION
FOR THE FATHER'S **PURPOSES, PROVISION, PRESENCE.**

What do you pray for daily?

Do you pray daily?

*Why do we **stop praying?***

LUKE 11:5-9, 13 NLT

SEE ALSO LUKE 18:1-8

Then, teaching them more about prayer, he used this story:

"Suppose you went to a **friend's** house at midnight, wanting to borrow three loaves of bread. You say to him, ⁶'A friend of mine has just arrived for a visit, and I have nothing for him to eat.' ⁷And suppose he calls out from his bedroom, 'Don't bother me. The door is locked for the night, and my family and I are all in bed. I can't help you.' ⁸But I tell you this—though he won't do it for **friendship's** sake, **if you keep knocking long enough, he will get up and give you whatever you need because of your shameless persistence.**

⁹"And so I tell you, **keep on asking,** and you will receive what you ask for. **Keep on seeking,** and you will find. **Keep on knocking,** and the door will be opened to you...if you sinful people know how to give **good gifts** to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him."

AS I **CONTINUE** TO PRAY...

SEE JAMES 4:2-3

1. **I consider my** _____. What more could I be doing?
2. **I examine my** _____. Why do I care about this?
3. **I reveal my** _____. Do I trust God's heart? plan? timing?

CONTENDING IN PRAYER DEMONSTRATES _____ ...

HEBREWS 11:6 (SEE ALSO LUKE 18:1,8)

...anyone who comes to him must **believe that he exists and that he rewards** those who **earnestly seek him.**

IF YOU'VE NEVER HAD AN ANSWER TO PRAYER, GET ONE!

Something is taking shape in me as I contend in genuine, humble prayer. I'm not just talking – I'm spending time with the Father – reconnecting with my Heavenly Father, identity and purpose. So as I keep asking, seeking, and knocking, I'm seeing more of Him, more of myself, and more of His purpose – **so what I ask for tends to change.** Prayer works **when it aligns with His character, my identity, and His plan.**
He gives good gifts – not the ones I was asking for in the beginning.

“Prayerlessness is our declaration of independence from God.”

DANIEL HENDERSON

“Prayer is intimacy with God that leads to the fulfillment of His purposes.”

ALVIN REID

*“Keep praying, but be thankful that God’s answers
are wiser than your prayers!”*

WILLIAM CULBERTSON

“If you can’t pray a door open, don’t pry it open.”

LYELL RADER

*“To desire revival...and at the same time to neglect prayer and devotion
is to wish one way and walk another.”*

A.W. TOZER

“Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?”

CORRIE TEN BOOM

“We have to pray with our eyes on God, not on the difficulties.”

OSWALD CHAMBERS

“History is silent about revivals that did not begin with prayer.”

J. EDWIN ORR

*“Those who do not believe do not pray. This is a good functional
definition of faith. **Faith prays, unbelief does not.**”*

JOHN A. HARDON