

Discussion Questions

INTRODUCTION

Can a definition of wisdom be complete without a discussion of prayer? Prayer affects our perception of life and life's events. What can we be aware of regarding the enemies of prayer? What are the principles of prayer that lead to greater wisdom in our choices?

GETTING STARTED

1. Were you taught to pray? If you were, who taught you, and how did they teach it?
2. What role does prayer play in your life, today? Are you satisfied with its current role?

BIBLE IDEA

3. Sean described 5 enemies to prayer. Which of these enemies is successful in keeping you from praying effectively?
4. The statement was made, "Prayer is the wisest thing you will ever do." Do you agree or disagree? Why? If you disagree, what would you consider to be a wiser action?
5. Do you enjoy prayer? Does it feel relational to you? Or, does it feel like a chore? Why do you think it feels the way that it does?

NEXT STEPS

6. What practical situation requires more of your attention in prayer?
7. Is there someone in your life you need to teach how to pray?

The Wisdom of Prayer!
Reflections on Wisdom #6

James 5:13-15

¹³ Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.

James 5:16-18

5 Enemies of prayer:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

2 Chronicles 7:14, Isaiah 55:6, Philippians 4:6

The wisest thing you will ever do is _____.

A. Prayer moves me beyond _____ perception to ultimate _____.

James 5:15

B. _____ moves me past what I can do to what _____ can do.

C. _____ moves me from loneliness to _____.

Matthew 7:7-11, Matthew 7:21-23, Matthew 6:9-13