

OVERCOMING PRAYERLESSNESS

I. Debunking the Excuses

A. “I’m too busy to pray” —> Reset your priorities
Luke 10:38-42

B. “I feel too spiritually dry” —> Don’t be ruled by feelings

Faulty premises:

1. God accepts me based on ~~how I feel~~ what Jesus did
2. My call to pray is ~~less~~ the same even when I don’t feel like praying
Luke 8: 1-18
Luke 11:5-10

C. I don’t feel the need to pray —> Be humble before God
Joshua 9:3-8

D. I am too bitter/angry to pray —> Obey God in forgiveness
Matthew 6:14-15
Ephesians 4:31-32

E. I am too ashamed to pray —> Trust in God’s mercy and grace
Proverbs 5:21
Hebrews 4:13
Psalm 139

F. I don’t want to be too extreme —> Beware of compromise
James 4:1-10

II. The Necessity and Goal of Prayer

Philippians 1:9-11
Romans 8:26-27

A. Growing in Love and Discerning what is Best
John 15:13

B. Praying for Purity, Blamelessness, and Righteous Fruit

C. For the Glory of God on Judgement Day