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Spend time talking with  
God each day.



**Bible study= God talks to us**

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**Prayer=we talk to God**

**“One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Teach us how to pray, just as John taught his disciples.’**

**He said to them, ‘When you pray, say: Father’” ...**

**Luke 11:1-2**

# Some basic principles on prayer:



**-It is directed to the Father,**  
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**-It is offered in the name of Jesus,**

**John 16:23-24**

**“In that day you will no longer ask me anything. I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.”**

**John 16:23**

**-It is directed to the Father,**

**Luke 11:2**

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**-it is done in the power of the Holy  
Spirit,**

**Ephesians 6:18**

**“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers...”**

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# HOW to start a daily prayer time

1. **After you read your Bible in the morning.**

**“In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; In the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.”**

**Psalm 5:3**

**“Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.”**

**Mark 1:35**

## 2. Alone.

**“But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father...”**

**Matthew 6:6**



**“But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.”**

**Mark 1:35**

# 3. Aloud.

**“In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; In the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.”**

**Psalm 5:3**

**“So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing.”**

**Matthew 26:44**

**“When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God.”**

**Acts 4:24**

# 4. Always



**“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 saints.”**

**Ephesians 6:18**

**“The king said to me, ‘What is it you want?’ Then I prayed to the God of heaven and I answered the king...”**

**Nehemiah 2:4-5**

**“Then Jesus told his disciples a parables to show them they ought always to pray and not give up.”**

**Luke 18:1**

**“...pray continually...”**

**1 Thessalonians 5:17**

# 5. A list.

**“In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.”**

**Psalm 5:3**

**A-C-T-S**

- **A - Adoration**



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- **Anything else you need**  
**(James 4:2)**

**“You do not have, because you do not ask God.”**

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# Some personal illustrations

# Will God Answer YOUR Prayers?

**“You do not have, because you do not ask God.”**

**James 4:2**

**“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.”**

**James 5:16**

**“Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain...”**

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**“If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.”**

**Psalm 66:18**

**There are 2 conditions on our part to see our prayers answered:**

- 1. “Stay close and clean”**
- 2. Faith**

**“If you believe , you will receive  
whatever you ask for in prayer.”**

**Matthew 21:22**

**“Without faith, it is impossible to please God.”**

**Hebrews 11:6**

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