

Prayer

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Psalm 5:3.

B. Topic: prayer.

II. The habit of prayer.

A. Twice David says “in the morning.” David met God in the morning.

1. Moses was to be ready for God in the morning. (Exodus 34)
2. To do this you have to be ready for bed at night.

B. The effective man in ministry meets God in the morning. The battle of ministry is in prayer.

III. Three fundamental elements of prayer.

A. Voice.

1. Prayer is talking to God.
2. If you have not said something you have not prayed.

B. Requests.

1. You have to ask. (James 4:2, Philippians 4:6)
2. Jesus said not to worry. Praying is the anecdote to this.
3. We must tell God our needs.

C. Wait in expectation.

1. This means to watch for answers.
2. This is like a follow through on a golf swing.
3. This will make us more thoughtful and specific in prayer.
4. We need to look for obvious answers.
5. God answers prayer in four ways: yes, no, maybe and I’ll do better than that. (Ephesians 4:20)

Application questions

1. What are the three fundamentals of prayer?

2. Why is morning prayer so important? Why is prayer important in general?

3. How will your week look different in light of this message?
