

# When We Pray!

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**Text:** Lk 11:1 (NIV) ... "Lord, teach us to pray"

There are a lot of misconceptions about prayer:

- 1) Some people think of prayer as a VENDING MACHINE.
- 2) Some people think of prayer as a FIRST-AID KIT.
- 3) Some people think of prayer as a RELIGIOUS DUTY.

## When we pray we are declaring...

### 1. Our DEPENDENCE UPON GOD.

*Jn 15:5-7 (NIV) <sup>5</sup> "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.*

### 2. Our desire for RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

*Jn 15:15-16 (NIV) <sup>15</sup> I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.*

**Quote:** Prayer is the umbilical cord of the Christian life from which we draw our strength.

### 3. Our faith in GOD'S ABILITY TO ANSWER.

*Jn 15:16 (NIV) <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.*

*Php 4:6-7 (NIV) <sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

*Jn 16:24 (NIV) <sup>24</sup> Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.*

**Quote:** "God never shuts His storehouses until you shut your mouth." C.H. Spurgeon

*Ps 37:4 (NIV) <sup>4</sup> Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.*

*Ps 84:11 (NIV) <sup>11</sup> For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.*