

The Message Gathering

Productive Prayer Part 2: Personal Prayer

Review Of Last Week:

- The Discipline Of Prayer
- The Four Purposes Of Prayer

Today Personal Prayer

The Pitfalls Of “Personal” Prayer:

James 4:2-3 (NIV)

You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God. ³ When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

The Personal Prayers Of The Apostle Paul:

Romans 10:1 (NIV)

Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved.

2 Corinthians 13:9 (NIV)

We are glad whenever we are weak but you are strong; and our prayer is for your perfection.

Philippians 1:9 (NIV)

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight,

3 Things From Paul's Personal Prayers:

1. From The Heart - Governed By God's Love
2. For Someone Else - For Their Edification
3. For The Greater Good - The Establishment Of God's Kingdom - Not Paul's Kingdom!

3 Things Personal Prayer Produces:

1. You Begin To Communicate God's Desires
2. You Begin To Cover Someone Else
3. You Begin Calling Things That Are Not As Though They Are

The Privileges That Result From Personal Prayer:

Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Today's Truth Statement:

Personal Prayer Allows Us To Connect To The Heart Of God
Enabling Our Prayer Life To Become More Productive Than Ever Before.

Questions:

- **Why Do You Think God Would Limit Answering Our Prayers When Our Prayers Have A Selfish Motive?**
- **Before Our Time Together Today, As A Group, Describe What Personal Prayer Meant To You.**
- **Have You Ever Contemplated The Fact That Your Personal Prayers Are One Of The Ways God Chooses To Affect Your World?**
- **Have You Ever Been Disillusioned In Your Personal Prayer Life?**
- **On A Scale Of 1-10 (1 Being Selfish And 10 Being Selfless) Rate Your Personal Prayer Life.**
- **Of The Three Things Personal Prayer Produces: Communicating God's Desires, Covering Someone Else, and Calling Things That Are Not As Though They Are, Which One Do You Do Most Often?**
- **Have You Ever Experienced Someone Covering Your Life In Prayer? If So, What Was The Result?**

