

The Message Gathering

Productive Prayer Part 3 - Passionate Prayer

Review Of Productive Prayer:

Week 1: Purposeful Prayer

- The 4 Purposes Of Prayer
 - Connection
 - Direction
 - Correction
 - Protection

Week 2: Personal Prayer

- Productive Prayer Not Only Purposeful But Personal
- Prayer That Is Born From The Heart

Today Passionate Prayer

James 4:8a (NKJV)

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.

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Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *you* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *you* double-minded.

**Dirty Hands, Sinful Hearts And Double Mindedness
All Result Because We Have Too Much Us And Not Enough Him!**

A Look At The Passionate Prayer Life Of The Apostle Paul:

2 Corinthians 5:14-15 (NIV)

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

Colossians 4:12 (NIV)

Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured.

Ephesians 3:14-21 (NIV)

For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge--that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

The Four Benefits Of Passionate Prayer:

1. Know And Move In Concert With The Purposes Of God
2. Produces Perpetual Blessing In Our Life
3. Expands His Kingdom
4. Stops The Struggle Of Self-Sufficiency

Today's Truth Statement:

Productive Prayer Produces a Passionate Focus Which Moves Us Away From Being Conformed Into The Likeness Of The World And Transformed Into The Likeness Of Christ.

Questions:

- As A Group List Several Reasons Why People May Not Experience Intimacy With God.
- What Are The Most Common Results From Trying To Obtain God's Blessings Without Living In Intimate Relationship.
- In Your Opinion, Where Does Most Of The Modern Church Reside, Head Knowledge Or Heart Knowledge?
- Share One Way Drawing Near To God Has Allowed You To Experience The Passions Of God.
- Before Today Were You Aware The Transformation Of Your Life Was Not To Be A One Time Shot But A Daily Experience?
- If You Saw It As A Daily Experience - Share What Expressions Lead You To Your Daily Experience.
- How Has God's Love Compelled You To Move From Religion To Relationship?
- Of The Four Benefits Of Passionate Prayer;
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Which One Would You Like To Experience More Of?