

I'M A CHRISTIAN, NOW WHAT?

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STEPS TO GROWTH



Week 3: Communication

Talking with your Father



I hope you've already begun to put into practice what we learned last week. Your daily time in God's Word is irreplaceable. Something else you should do each day is to talk to God. We call that prayer. When you read the Bible God talks to YOU. When you pray - you talk to HIM. You may not know how to pray, or what to pray for... that's what we're going to learn this week. It's an awesome privilege, you know, to talk to the God that created this beautiful world, and for Him to stop and listen!

DAY 1

(Date)

What are reasons God gives for why we should pray?
Examine these verses to find some of those reasons:

1 Samuel 12:23 _____
Mark 1:35 and Luke 6:12 _____
(Jesus, our greatest example, prayed... we should follow in His footsteps)
James 4:2 and Matthew 7:7-11 _____

DAY 2

(Date)

How do we KNOW that God answers our prayers? Study these four verses. Briefly summarize and record what they are saying.

Jeremiah 33:3 _____
Luke 11:9-13 _____
Mark 11:24 _____
John 15:7 _____

DAY 3

(Date)

There are many important parts or elements of prayer. List some of them next to the verses given below.

Hebrews 13:15 _____
Psalm 100:4 & 2 Thessalonians 1:3 _____
1 Samuel 12:23 _____
1 John 1:9 _____
Matthew 7:7 _____

Remember to include these things: praising God, thanking God, confessing your sins, praying for others, praying for your own needs, listening to Him by waiting quietly before Him.

What are some things for which you should pray? I'll help you begin a list, but let's start by seeing some things that

God states in His Word.

James 5:16 _____

Matthew 5:44 _____

1 Timothy 2:1-3 _____

DAY 4

(Date)

These are just a few. Here are some other suggestions. Pray for those in your life who don't know Christ, other Christians, your family, your co-workers, your school, and your church. You should record your requests on paper and keep track of the answers God gives you.

Now, what about the things that hinder or block our prayers? Let's look at them today, so that we can avoid them in our lives.

John 9:31 & Psalm 66:18 _____

James 4:2 _____

Mark 11:24-25 _____

James 1:5-7 _____

James 4:3 _____

DAY 5

(Date)

One of the greatest things prayer is good for in our lives, is taking our problems to God and giving them to Him. I'll bet you've had some problems you would like to leave with God! Find 1 Peter 5:5-9 and see what God says to do. How does God describe the prayer of someone who is righteous (seeking God) in James 5:16?

DAY 6

(Date)

There are no wrong or right times to pray. As a matter of fact, you should pray all the time. As we finish this week of looking at prayer, let's see some of the times the Bible describes prayer taking place, and what we can learn from them.

Psalm 5:3 & Mark 1:35

Daniel 6:10

Luke 6:12-13

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Prayer is a vital link between us and God. It is so important. I hope you've learned that this week. Remember, it's *not* optional (1 Samuel 12:23)! I hope you will begin, right *now*, to pray (at least once) every day with a list, and let God open

DAY 7

(Date)

the windows of heaven and pour down the blessings on you that He so wants to give.