

Tuesday Evening Bible Study Group Notes

What to Pray For

Key Verse: " Mt 6:8 Your Father knows what things ye have need of, before ye ask him."

This does not mean that there is no need to ask. What should we ask of God in our petition and prayer.

You Can Pray About Your Problems.

Most people usually start their prayer life here. Read about good King Hezekiah when Jerusalem was surrounded by the greatest army in the world and they were demanding that he give in. See Isaiah 37, especially verses 14&15. This means little problems and big problems. After all, is anything too big See Genesis 18.13&14 (or too small) for God

You Can Pray About Your Program.

Why wait until you begin to sink and then expect God to fish you out, like Peter. See Matthew 14.28-31. Go into your program asking God to guide you and lead you as you execute every step and make your commitments. This means that: See Psalm 37.23&24. However even before this:

You Can Pray About Your Plans.

Do you ask God what you should do

about buying a new dress? Or changing your Church or home, or your job, or taking up a new study course, or dropping a class in your present one. This is to say nothing about marriage, service for God or dedicating your life to some career discipline or ministry. See Jeremiah 10.23. *It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.* See Proverbs 3.6 & Proverbs 20.24.

You Can Pray About Provision.

See Philippians 4.19 and Matthew 6.8.

You Can Pray About People.

Interpersonal relationships are balanced very delicately, and this calls for God's people to exhibit the fruit of the Spirit. See Galatians 5.22&23. Instead of sounding off, try exercising love forbearing and patience, while at the same time taking the problem to the Lord for His answer. His way may be totally different to the way you were intending. See 1 John 4.20&21

One of the most difficult and challenging things to pray about is the spiritual condition of others. It requires infinite patience and tact, for here we are dealing with the heart of other people. One rash, hasty move can undo years of patient work. How we would that they see the Saviour as we do, to make the same great step of faith commitment that we have made and go on to share with us in the forgiveness, grace and blessings of the Lord that we know. See Romans 15.1&2

You Can Pray About Persecution.

If you are living for the Lord Jesus no matter how sweetly or humbly you can expect persecution in one form or the other, sooner or later. If you are seeking to live by what is right, true, pure and of good report, and they are deliberately seeking a policy which includes evil for personal gain or ambition, you can expect trouble. See John 3.19&20 Today probably as much as any time in history the world is filled with people dedicated to terror much of it based on their own religious beliefs. See John 16.2.

What can we pray for? Did someone say that we can pray about anything! You will have more on your list than those above. For all these things, Matthew 6.8 is still true.

You Can Pray About Peace.

There are two kinds of peace and we are commanded to pray for both See James 3.18 and Philippians 4.6&7.

What can you do, you can pray See Psalm 34.14, Romans 14.19 and you can be one of those who make for peace.

You Can Pray About Perceptions.

Your perceptions and that of others will always differ. Because people see things differently, there will be at best many and various interest groups each with its own ideas and accordingly their own goals and agendas. What can we do about the way other people see the world around them? See John 12.35-41 The first thing that we can do is pray. This is always the first thing to do because when we talk to them our words fall on their outer ears, but when the Holy Spirit speaks to them his words fall upon the ears of the heart with gentleness and enlightenment. See 2 Corinthians 4.3-7 and compare Acts 16.14. Remember that the Holy Spirit in answer to our prayer knows just how and when to make His voice known.

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