

### 3 – MATTHEW 6:5-14 PRAYING FOR GOD'S GLORY

How do you have church without church what happens infrastructure/pple

- **PPLE ESSENTIAL WHAT ARE YOU LEFT WITH – UR RE w/GOD - PRYER**

#### **Provision – Healing – Salvation - Strength**

The glory of God is the manifest beauty of his holiness **going public**. THAT HAPPENS

**MP: Answered Prayer is the key conduit through which you will experience and express His glory.**

John 15:7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. <sup>8</sup>By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

Early converts to Christianity in Africa were earnest and consistent in private devotions. SPOTS IN THICKET. Over time PATHS WELL WORN If they began to neglect prayer, it was soon apparent to the others. They would encourage E/O, "The grass grows on your path."

#### **PRAYER LEADS YOU TO GOD'S GLORY**

**WHAT IS PRAYER (3) expected – secret and seen - rewarded**

- Engaging in your relationship with God – it's communication – SUM NOT GOOD

Married couples spend an average of 27.5 minutes per week talking to each other, according to Ray Bridwhistell, speech communication expert. However, they spend 46 hours per week watching TV.

- o Discovery (get to know), Development (build), Demonstration (love)
- o **HOW? - GUIDELINE LORD'S PRAYER**

(1) **Relationship:** Our Father Who is in heaven (2) **Reverence:** hallowed be your name (3)

**Submission:** Your kingdom come your will be done on earth as it is in heaven (4) **Dependence:**

Give us this day our daily bread (5) **Confession:** And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us (6) **Deliverance:** Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil (7)

**Worship:** For yours is the kingdom, power, glory forever AMEN (8) **Integrity:** Forgive

#### **GOD'S GLORY IN PERSONAL REVELATION**

- HE REVEALS/RELIEVES - Meaningful unburdening – spiritually strengthened

1 Peter 5:6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, <sup>7</sup>casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

**Q: You can trust him with what you're going through.**

#### **GOD'S GLORY IN ANSWERED PRAYER**

B ALL ABOUT IT – deliverance Exodus, red sea, Hanna, Hezekiah, Jabez, Elijah widows son, Peter from prison, Father Forgive them – **ONLY GOD**

Season– Build2Reach, Crusades, Church Plants – Ppl saved, marriages saved, families

KEY?: **dating HANNA** – what prayers is God answering – **LIVING RELATION/PRIORIT**

- (1) **BE SPECIFIC:** Avoid broad generaliz. – BLESS MY MARRIAGE (how)

If you could have anything (**according to God's Will**) yourself, family, your church

**Write it down – DATE ASKED**

- (2) **BE PERSISTENT: George Mullers 5 friends**

- o **STORY OF THE PERSISTENT FRIEND – BC PERSISTENCE**

Luke 11:9-13 “So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

- (3) **BE EXPECTANT:** Date answered – “**GOD DOESN’T**” – PLAY HIS RULES

John 14:12 Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do, because I go to My Father. <sup>13</sup> And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If you ask anything in My name, I will do *it*.

The streaming wounds of Jesus are the sure guarantees for answered prayer. CH Spurgeon

- (4) **BE THANKFUL** – **thank** you now for how and when you will answer..

Devil/doubt – why ask if you think he won’t answer – why not ask if you believe he will  
Philippians 4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God

STRIP CLUB CLOSING (person who helped start it is now praying for it’s closure)

SC “The one concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work, and prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but trembles when we pray.”

**THIS WEEK – TEST THE PROMISES OF GOD IN THIS**