Prayer
A Topical Study
Eight Lessons

Bible Study Course

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II Timothy 2:15

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INTRODUCTION: SEEKING BIBLICAL PRIORITY IN ATTITUDES AND BEHAVIOR

Matthew 6:33 – “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”

1. Seek the Lord continually in PRAYER (Deuteronomy 4:29; II Chronicles 7:14; Psalm 19:14; Psalm 139:13-14).
2. Seek wisdom continually in the FEAR OF THE LORD (Psalm 34:7-9; 103:12-17; Proverbs 1:5-7, 29; 3:7-10; 8:13-14; 9:10; 10:24-27; James 1:5).
4. Seek PROPER FOCUS (Isaiah 26:3; Colossians 3:2; Psalm 101:3a; Proverbs 4:26-27).
5. Seek to SOW IN RIGHTEOUSNESS (Hosea 10:12).
6. Seek to be an UNASHAMED WITNESS (II Timothy 1:7, 8, 12; Romans 1:16).
7. Seek to CARRY OUT THE GREAT COMMISSION through the local church (Matthew 28:18-20).
8. Seek to be a GENEROUS GIVER for the cause of Christ (Proverbs 3:8-10; Malachi 3:8-10; Matthew 5:42-44; 6:20; Luke 21:3-4; II Corinthians 9:6-7).
9. Seek GOD’S PROMISES (Psalm 24:1; 46:1; 91:15; John 13:17; Romans 8:28; 31; Hebrews 13:5-6).
10. Seek to GLORIFY THE LORD in every area of your life (Matthew 5:16; I Corinthians 6:19-20).
11. Seek to PAY OFF all your debts on time and in an orderly fashion (Proverbs 3:27; 22:7; Psalm 37:21; I Corinthians 14:40).
12. Seek to KEEP YOUR PROMISES / VOWS (Ecclesiastes 5:4-5).
15. Seek TREASURES IN HEAVEN, not on earth (Proverbs 13:7; Ecclesiastes 5:13; Matthew 6:19-21).
16. Seek to ASK GOD TO SUPPLY all your needs (Matthew 7:7-8; Philippians 4:19).
17. Seek to be PRUDENT, or economical (Proverbs 22:3).
18. Seek the Lord’s direction in the priority of CONTROLLING YOUR SPIRIT through the Word of God and yielding to His Spirit (Psalm 119:9-11; Proverbs 16:32; Zechariah 4:6).
20. Seek to HELP OTHERS in trouble (Psalm 35:10; 40:17; 41:1; 82:3-4; Proverbs 14:21; 19:17; 21:3).
21. Seek to have GREAT LOVING FELLOWSHIP (I Peter 4:8-9).
22. Seek to have a GOOD NAME (Proverbs 22:1).
24. Seek to be the BEST WORKER you can be (Ecclesiastes 9:10; Colossians 3:22-25; Ephesians 6:5-8).
25. Seek not to take on other’s debts ~ NO CO-SIGNING (Proverbs 6:1-5).
LESSON 1: PRAYER

1. Genesis 4:26b - Who was born when men began to call upon the name of the Lord? __________________________

2. Genesis 24:12 - “And he said, O LORD God of my master _____________________, I pray thee, send me good speed this day, and shew ________________________ unto my master Abraham.”

3. Genesis 32:9-12 - Who prayed to be delivered from his brother Esau? __________________________

4. I Samuel 1:13-28 - Who desperately prayed for a child and the Lord gave her her heart’s desire? __________________________

5. I Samuel 2:1 - In her prayer, did Hannah rejoice in the Lord’s salvation? __________________________

6. I Samuel 2:2 - Who is holy as the Lord? __________________________

7. I Samuel 2:3a - “Talk no more so exceeding ____________________; let not arrogancy come out of your _____________:

8. I Samuel 2:3b - What does Hannah’s prayer say that God weighs? __________________________

9. I Kings 18:31-37 - Who prayed concerning the heart of Israel turning back again? __________________________

10. I Chronicles 4:9-10 - What four things did Jabez pray for and receive? __________________________

11. I Chronicles 16:7-8 - Name three things David encouraged Israel to do. __________________________

12. I Chronicles 16:9 - “Sing unto him, sing ____________ unto him, talk ye of all his _______________ works.”

13. I Chronicles 16:10 - “ ____________ ye in his holy name: let the _______________ of them rejoice that seek the LORD.”

14. I Chronicles 16:11 - How often did David say to seek the face of the Lord? __________________________

15. I Chronicles 16:12 - What did David say should be remembered of the Lord? __________________________

16. II Chronicles 7:14a - Name four important aspects in seeing prayers answered. __________________________

17. II Chronicles 7:14b - “. . . then will I _______ from heaven, and will ____________ their sin, and will heal their land.”

18. Ezra 8:23 - “So we _________________ and besought our God for this: and he was _________________ of us.”

19. Nehemiah 1:6a - How often did Nehemiah say he prayed for the children of Israel? __________________________

20. Nehemiah 1:6b - What did Nehemiah confess to the Lord? __________________________

21. Nehemiah 1:7a - In his prayer, what did Nehemiah say was not kept? __________________________

22. Nehemiah 1:10b - How did Nehemiah say the Lord redeemed His people? __________________________

23. Nehemiah 1:11a - “O LORD, I ________________ thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy ________________,”

24. Nehemiah 1:11b - “. . . and to the prayer of thy servants, who ________________ to ________________ thy name:”

25. Nehemiah 1:11c - What did Nehemiah desire to be granted by the Lord? __________________________

Memory Verse: Deuteronomy 4:29 ~ “But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.”

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LESSON 2: PRAYER

1. Nehemiah 4:9 - “Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a ________________ against them day and __________________, because of them.”

2. Psalm 4:3 - Who has the Lord set apart for Himself? ____________________________________________

3. Psalm 5:1 - What did David desire the Lord to consider? __________________________________________

4. Psalm 5:2 - “Hearken unto the ________________ of my cry, my _____________, and my God: for unto thee will I pray.”

5. Psalm 5:3 - When did David direct his prayer unto the Lord? ______________________________________

6. Psalm 19:14 - What did David desire to be acceptable in the sight of the Lord? ____________________

7. Psalm 27:7b - What did David desire from the Lord when he prayed? ______________________________

8. Psalm 32:5a - What did David acknowledge before the Lord? ______________________________________

9. Psalm 51:2 - From what did David desire to be washed? _________________________________________

10. Psalm 51:3 - What was “ever before” David? ____________________________________________________

11. Psalm 51:9 - “________________ thy face from my sins, and ______________ out all mine ____________.”

12. Psalm 51:10 - What did David desire the Lord to create in him? _________________________________

13. Psalm 51:15 - What did David desire his mouth to show forth? ______________________________________


15. Psalm 139:23 - “________________ me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my ______________.”

16. Psalm 139:24 - Where did David desire to be led? ______________________________________________

17. Psalm 143:1 - Name two qualities of the Lord David acknowledged as he prayed. __________________

18. Psalm 143:19 - “He will fulfil the desire of them that _____________ him: he also will _____________ their cry, and will _______________ them.”

Memory Verse: Psalm 19:14 ~ “Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.”

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LESSON 3: PRAYER

1. Proverbs 1:28-29 - Will those that hate knowledge and do not fear the Lord find Him?

2. Proverbs 15:8b - What is a delight to the Lord?

3. Proverbs 15:29 - Whose prayer does the Lord hear?

4. Proverbs 21:13 - Who will not be heard by the Lord?

5. Proverbs 28:9 - Whose prayer is an abomination?

6. Proverbs 28:13 - Who will have mercy from the Lord?

7. Isaiah 1:15b - “... yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your ________ are full of _________.”

8. Isaiah 6:8b - Did Isaiah make himself available to be sent by the Lord?

9. Isaiah 26:3 - How can “perfect peace” be obtained?

10. Isaiah 41:21 - “Produce your ________, saith the LORD; bring forth your strong ________, saith the ________ of Jacob.”

11. Isaiah 55:6 - “Seek ye the LORD while he may be ____________, call ye upon him while he is __________:”

12. Isaiah 59:1 - Whose ear is not heavy “that it cannot hear”? 

13. Isaiah 59:2a - What separates us from God?

14. Isaiah 59:2b - What does God hide because of sin, causing Him not to hear our prayer?

15. Isaiah 65:24 - “And it shall come to pass, that ________ they call, I will ____________; and while they are yet ____________, I will hear.”

16. Jeremiah 29:11a - “For I ______________ the thoughts that I think ______________ you, saith the LORD,”

17. Jeremiah 29:11b - “… thoughts of ______________, and not of _______________, to give you an expected end.”

18. Jeremiah 29:12 - “Then shall ye __________ upon me, and ye shall go and __________ unto me, and I will ______________ unto you.”

19. Jeremiah 29:13b - How are we instructed to search for God?

20. Daniel 2:22 - What things can the God of heaven reveal?

21. Daniel 2:23a - What did God give thankful Daniel?

22. Daniel 2:23b - Whose matter did God make known to Daniel?

23. Daniel 6:10b - How often did Daniel kneel to pray?

24. Daniel 6:11 - “Then these men ________________, and found _______________ praying and making _______________ before his God.”

25. Zephaniah 2:3a - “_________ ye the LORD, all ye _____________ of the earth,”

Memory Verse: Jeremiah 33:3 ~ “Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.”

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LESSON 4: PRAYER

1. Matthew 5:44a - What did Jesus instruct concerning our enemies? __________________________________________

2. Matthew 5:44b - What did Jesus instruct concerning those that “despitefully use you”? ____________________________

3. Matthew 6:8b - What does the Father in heaven already know? __________________________________________________

4. Matthew 6:9b - Concerning the Father, what should be hallowed when we pray? ________________________________

5. Matthew 6:12 - Who should be forgiven as the Father forgives us? ____________________________________________

6. Matthew 6:13a - “And lead us not into ____________________________, but deliver us from _____________________:”

7. Matthew 6:13b - “. . . For thine is the kingdom, and the _______________, and the ________________, for ever. Amen.”

8. Matthew 11:28 - What is Jesus able to give those who are burdened down? _________________________________

9. Matthew 18:20 - “For where ____________ or three are ______________________ together in my name, there am I in the _____________ of them.”

10. Matthew 7:8 - Who should not be forbidden to come to Jesus? _________________________________

11. Matthew 21:21-22 - Is it important not to doubt when asking something of the Lord? _________________________

12. Matthew 26:41 - “________________ and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the _______________ indeed is willing, but the flesh is ________________.”

13. Mark 1:35b - How is the place described where Jesus prayed here? _________________________________

14. Mark 9:23 - “Jesus said unto him, If thou canst ______________, all things are ________________ to him that believeth.”

15. Mark 9:24 - What help did this child’s father request? _________________________________________________

16. Mark 11:24 - “Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye _______________, when ye pray, _______________ that ye ________________ them, and ye shall have them.”

17. Luke 1:10 - “And the whole _______________ of the people were _______________ without at the time of incense.”

18. Luke 1:11-13a - Who proclaimed to Zacharias tht his wife Elisabeth would bear a son? _______________________

19. Luke 1:13b - What would be the name of the son elderly Elisabeth would have? ___________________________

20. Luke 1:14 - “And thou shalt have joy and ________________; and many shall rejoice at his ________________.”

Memory Verse: Matthew 7:8 ~ “For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.”

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1. Luke 1:46-47 - Who said, “My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour”? __________
2. Luke 1:50 - What “is on them that fear him from generation to generation”? _______________________________________
3. Luke 2:25-26 - Who revealed to Simeon “that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ”?
   ____________________________________________________________________________________________
7. Luke 2:31 - “Which thou hast _________________ before the ______________ of all people;”
8. Luke 2:32 - “A light to lighten the _________________, and the glory of thy people _________________.
9. Luke 2:36a - From what tribe was Anna? ___________________________________________________________
10. Luke 2:37a - How old was Anna as she prayerfully served in the temple? _____________________________
11. Luke 2:37b - How often did Anna serve in the temple with prayers and fastings? ______________________
12. Luke 2:38a - What did Anna give “in that instant” unto the Lord? ________________________________
14. Luke 5:16 - “And he _________________________ himself into the ________________________________, and prayed.”
15. Luke 6:12 - In this passage, where did Jesus go and continue “all night in prayer”? _____________________
17. Luke 17:16 - “And fell down on his __________ at his feet, giving him _______________: and he was a Samaritan.”
19. Luke 17:18 - “There are not ______________ that returned to give ______________ to God, save this stranger.”
22. Luke 18:13a - Who in this parable “would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven”? ________________

**Memory Verse:** Luke 1:46-47 ~ “And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.”
LESSON 6: PRAYER

1. Luke 22:31 - Who desired to have Simon Peter and sift him as wheat?


3. Luke 22:40 - “And when he was at the ______________., he said unto them, Pray that ye enter ______________ into _________________.”

4. Luke 22:44a - How is Jesus’ attitude in prayer described here?

5. Luke 22:45-46 - What were Jesus’ disciples doing instead of praying?

6. John 6:37b - What will never happen to all those that come to Jesus?

7. John 12:28a - What did Jesus request of the Father?

8. John 14:13 - “And whatsoever ye shall ask in my _______________, that will I ___________, that the Father may be ________________ in the Son.”

9. John 14:14-15 - “If ye shall ask any thing in my __________., I will do it. If ye love me, keep my ________________.”

10. John 14:16a - Did Jesus promise the disciples “another Comforter”?

11. John 14:16b - How long did Jesus say the Comforter would abide?

12. John 14:17a - Who cannot receive the Spirit of truth?

13. John 14:17b - “. . . but ye _______________ him; for he _________________ with you, and shall be __________ you.”

14. John 15:7 - What is promised to those who abide in Christ?

15. John 16:23b - “. . . Verily, ________________, I say unto you, ________________ ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will _______________ it you.”

16. John 16:24b - What “may be full” in a believer when the Lord answers prayer?

17. John 17:1b - “. . . Father, the ________________ is come; glorify thy Son, that thy _______________ also may glorify thee:”

18. John 17:4b- What had Jesus finished?

19. John 17:8a - “For I have ______________ unto them the ______________ which thou gavest me; and they have _________________ them,”

20. John 17:9 - Who did Jesus pray for?

21. John 17:10 - “And all mine are ________________, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in ________________.”

22. John 17:16 - “________________ are ______________ of the world, even as I am not of the ______________.”

23. John 17:17 - According to Jesus’ prayer, how is a believer sanctified?

24. John 17:20 - “Neither pray I for these ________________, but for them also which shall ________________ on me through their ________________,”

25. John 17:24b - “. . . for thou ______________ me before the ________________ of the world.”

Memory Verse: John 16:24 ~ “Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.”

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LESSON 7: PRAYER

1. Acts 2:42 - In what four areas did the early church continue steadfastly?

2. Acts 6:4 - “But we will __________ ourselves continually to prayer, and to the _____________ of the word.”

3. Acts 7:59-60 - Who prayed, “Lord, lay not this sin to their charge”? __________________________________________________________________________


5. Acts 10:30-42 - Who was summoned to share with Cornelius the gospel of Jesus Christ? __________________________________________________________________________

6. Acts 12:5 - Who continually interceded in prayer for Peter when he was in jail? __________________________________________________________________________

7. Romans 8:26-28 - Who is able to help and intercede for the believer? __________________________________________________________________________

8. Romans 10:1 - “Brethren, my heart’s ___________ and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be __________.”

9. Romans 10:13 - “For whosoever shall __________ upon the name of the __________ shall be __________.”

10. Romans 15:30a - For Whose sake did Paul beseech these brethren to strive together with him in prayer? __________________________________________________________________________

11. II Corinthians 13:7a - What did Paul pray for the Corinth church not to do? __________________________________________________________________________

12. Ephesians 1:15 - “Wherefore I also, after I heard of your ______________ in the Lord Jesus, and ______________ unto all the ______________,”

13. Ephesians 1:16 - What did Paul “cease not to give” for this Ephesian church? __________________________________________________________________________

14. Ephesians 3:20 - What is God able to do concerning the prayer request of a believer? __________________________________________________________________________

15. Ephesians 5:20 - For what did Paul give thanks? __________________________________________________________________________

16. Ephesians 6:18b - For whom did Paul pray “with all prayer and supplication”? __________________________________________________________________________

17. Philippians 1:3 - “I ______________ my God upon every ______________ of you,”

18. Philippians 1:4 - What fruit of the Spirit did Paul have when praying for this church? __________________________________________________________________________

19. Philippians 2:9-11 - What will every tongue confess one day? __________________________________________________________________________

20. Philippians 4:19 - What is God capable of supplying? __________________________________________________________________________

21. Colossians 3:2 - Where should a believer focus his affection? __________________________________________________________________________

22. Colossians 4:2 - “Continue in prayer, and ______________ in the same with ______________,”

23. Colossians 4:3a - What was Paul’s request concerning speaking the mystery of Christ? __________________________________________________________________________

24. Colossians 4:12a - Who was described as “a servant of Christ” laboring fervently in prayer? __________________________________________________________________________

25. Colossians 4:12b - What specifically did this prayer warrior request? __________________________________________________________________________

Memory Verse: Romans 8:27 ~ “And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.”

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LESSON 8: PRAYER

1. I Thessalonians 5:17 - How often did Paul desire the Thessalonians to pray? ____________________________________________

2. I Thessalonians 5:18 - “In every thing give __________________: for this is the ______________ of God in Christ Jesus __________________ you.”

3. I Timothy 2:1 - What did Paul exhort Timothy to make for all men? ____________________________________________

4. I Timothy 2:1-2a - According to Paul, what leadership groups needed prayer? ____________________________________________

5. I Timothy 2:2b - “. . . that we may lead a __________ and peaceable life in all ______________ and honesty.”

6. I Timothy 2:3 - In Whose sight is this “good and acceptable”? ____________________________________________

7. I Timothy 2:4 - What would God have all men to be? ____________________________________________

8. I Timothy 2:5 - Who is the one Mediator between God and man? ____________________________________________

9. I Timothy 2:6 - “Who gave himself a ______________ for all, to be _____________________________ in due time.”

10. Hebrews 4:16a - How are believers instructed to come to the throne of grace? ____________________________________________

11. Hebrews 4:16b - What can be found at the throne of grace? ____________________________________________

12. James 1:5 - What should you do if you lack wisdom? ____________________________________________

13. James 1:17a - From where does every good and perfect gift come? ____________________________________________

14. James 4:3 - “Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask ____________, that ye may consume it upon your __________.”

15. James 4:6b - To whom does the Lord give grace? ____________________________________________

16. James 4:7 - “_________________ yourselves therefore to God. _______________ the devil, and he will flee from you.”

17. James 4:8a - When does God “draw nigh” to an individual? ____________________________________________

18. James 4:8b - “. . . ______________ your hands, ye sinners; and _____________ your hearts, ye double minded.”

19. James 5:16b - What “availeth much”? ____________________________________________

20. James 5:17-18 - Who had like passions as we, and saw prayers miraculously answered? ____________________________________________

21. I Peter 3:12a - To whom are the ears of the Lord opened? ____________________________________________

22. I Peter 4:7 - “But the ____________ of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and ____________ unto prayer.”

23. I Peter 5:7 - What portion of our cares should be cast upon the Lord? ____________________________________________

24. I John 5:14b - How can we be confident that God hears us? ____________________________________________

25. I John 5:15 - “And if we ________________ that he ________________ us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the ________________ that we desired of him.”

Memory Verse: James 4:7 ~ “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

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