

Why Don't Men Pray?



Men Don't Think They Need To Pray

In today's world so much can be accomplished on sheer will and money that few men know much about achievements that were based on them asking God for anything. A good time management, a good team, adequate finances, and lots of other plannable and controllable factors are all most men think are necessary for success. *"Prayer is for preachers and missionaries and religious undertakings in the church,"* they may say.

Men Think They Have No Time To Pray

A man's time is that which he invests into what matters to him. He talks to his boss because if he didn't he would know nothing about what his boss expects of him in his employment. He talks to his best friend because that friend's advice and assistance is his best asset. He talks to his wife and children because he loves them and their words back to him. The real question is "Can I afford not to speak to God today?"

Men Rise From Sleep With An Agenda That Doesn't Include Prayer

Many Christian men reject the idea of early morning prayer. Mostly this is learned from their fathers, who never set the example of the importance of morning prayer and devotional study. Practically speaking they go to bed with much on their mind, and with a pretty good idea of what they must do upon awakening. They need food, a cup of coffee, a shower and no problems on the road to work.

A Man May Simply Never Had ANOTHER MAN Teach Him How To Pray

Studies have shown that most men have never been taught what Jesus Christ their Master had to say about prayer. They've simply never really been shown what the Bible has to say about prayer.

Jesus on Prayer

1. ^{NIV} **Mark 1:35** Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.
2. ^{NIV} **Matthew 6:9-13** "This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, ¹⁰ your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us today our daily bread. ¹² Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'

3. ^{NIV} **Matthew 11:25** At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. ²⁶ Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure.
4. ^{NIV} **Matthew 14:23** After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,
5. ^{NIV} **Luke 6:12** One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God.
6. ^{NIV} **Luke 22:41-44** He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, ⁴² "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." ⁴³ An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. ⁴⁴ And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.
7. ^{NIV} **Luke 23:24** So Pilate decided to grant their demand.
8. ^{NIV} **John 11:41-42** So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me.
9. ^{NIV} **John 12:27-28** "Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again."
10. ^{NIV} **John 17:1, 24-26** After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you.... ²⁴ "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. ²⁵ "Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."

13 Reasons To Pray

1. **Prayer opens the door to the secrets of God:**
Jeremiah 33:3; 1Corinthians 2:9-10
2. **Prayer puts our lives at peace with God and sets a place for us in eternity:**
Romans 10:9-10
3. **Prayer changes our destiny and restores our nations:**
2Chronicles 7:14
4. **Prayer helps us to find (and keeps us in) the will of God:**
Colossians 4:12
5. **Prayer gives us boldness:**
Acts 4:31

6. **Prayer and fasting gives you supernatural power over demonic forces:**
Matthew 17:21
7. **Prayer protects our families, blesses men and keeps worldly and godly authorities in order:**
1Timothy 2:1-2
8. **Prayer keeps us from temptations:**
Matthew 6:13, 26:41
9. **Prayer is our path to perfect peace and our substitute for anxiety:**
Philippians 4:6-7; Isaiah 26:3
10. **Prayer is God's will for us:**
1Thessalonians 5:16-18
11. **Prayer makes good what we eat!:**
1Timothy 4:5
12. **Prayer heals our physical bodies:**
James 5:15
13. **Prayer gives us strength and wisdom to handle our enemies:**
Psalm 109:3-4