

Prayer: The Believer's Dependence upon God

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Scripture References:

- 1 Thessalonians 5:17
- Matthew 6:5-7, *NLT*
- Hebrews 13:5, *AMPC*
- Philippians 4:6, *NLT*
- Ephesians 5:20
- Luke 17:11-18
- Acts 17:28

Summary:

When we pray, we demonstrate our trust and reliance on God. Praying with the right motives doesn't involve loud wailing and constant repetition to impress others; it's our way of having a private conversation with Him. The prayer that reflects our faith in God to take care of us in good times as well as bad helps us maintain the proper mindset.

Notes:

1. Having a personal conversation with God allows Him to address our specific needs. Our prayers should be a one-on-one meeting with God.
2. The commandment to pray without ceasing refers to attitude, not the number of minutes or hours spent in prayer.
3. We must not pray to get others' attention; our motives are important.
4. Thanksgiving is an important component of prayer; we must never forget to be thankful. There's no better expression of dependence on God than in giving thanks.
5. Many people tend to stop praying when they get what they want and forget all about giving thanks; depending on God is a twenty-four-hour, seven-day decision.

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