

A Disciple Has a Vital Prayer Life

INTRODUCTION

I. A disciple of Christ is developing a vital prayer life.

God speaks to me.

¹² "I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now. ¹³ "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. ¹⁴ "He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose *it* to you. ¹⁵ "All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose *it* to you. John 16:12-15 (NASB)

I speak to God.

¹² "Truly, truly, 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 the Father. ¹³ "Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ "If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do *it*. ¹⁵ "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. John 14:12-15 (NASB)

Out of my relationship with God I bear fruit.

⁷ "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ "My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and *so* prove to be My disciples. John 15:7-8 (NASB)

II. How can prayer become vital to you?

- You have to approach God _____ (Heb. 11:6)

⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and *that* He is a rewarder of those who seek Him. Hebrews 11:6 (NASB)

- You have to open yourself to _____ (Heb. 4:12)

¹² For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Hebrews 4:12 (NASB)

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Percentage of time you spend listening to God

- You need to develop an _____ with God (1 Thess. 5:16-18)

¹⁶ Rejoice always; ¹⁷ pray without ceasing; ¹⁸ in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NASB)