



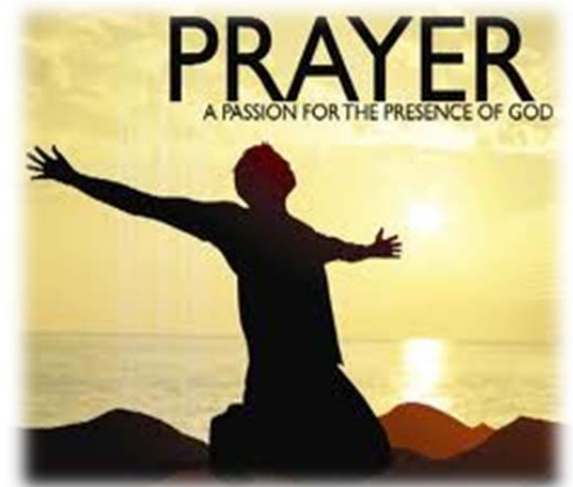
## Prayer (05/22/12) Biblical Discussion

What is prayer?  
How do you pray?  
Where and when do you pray?  
What do you do when you pray?



*Prayer is our method of communication with our Lord and Creator. Just like in any other relationship, if we don't communicate, the relationship is strained. When we don't communicate with God, our relationship with Him is strained.*

Praying in Spirit and in Truth - **John 4:23**  
Teaching Us How to Pray - **Matthew 6:9**  
Receiving What We Ask For - **Matthew 7:7-8**  
Boldness in Prayer - **Luke 11:8**  
Praying for Laborers - **Luke 10:2**  
Praying Specifically - **Mark 10:51**  
Prayer and Love - **Mark 11:25**  
Prayer in Harmony with God - **John 11:41-42**  
Power for Prayer and Working - **John 14:12-14**  
Abiding in God in Prayer - **John 15:7**  
The Prayer of Corporate Repentance - **Daniel 9:3-4**  
Obedience and Prayer - **John 15:16**  
What's in a Name? - **John 14-16, 14:13-14, 15:16, 16:23-24, 16:26**  
Christ the High Priest - **John 17:9**  
Christ the Sacrifice - **Mark 14:36**  
A Life of Prayer - **1 Thessalonians 5:16**



What Does It Take To Grow? Prayer!

The Goal: That you will commit to the habits necessary for spiritual maturity.

Theme Verse: **2 Pet 3:18** But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

Spiritual Maturity - **I Corinthians 3**

1. *In order to grow we need to eat—The Bible*
2. *In order to grow we need to breathe—Prayer*
3. *In order to grow we need good spiritual hygiene—Confession of sin*
4. *In order to grow we need a caring family—Fellowship*
5. *In order to grow we need regular exercise—Service*
6. *In order to grow we need protection—Temptation*
7. *In order to grow we need to give—Stewardship*

The Habit of Prayer

“Base your happiness on your hope in Christ. When trials come, endure them patiently; *steadfastly maintain the habit of prayer.*” **Romans 12:12** (Phillips)

References: <http://www.spreadinglight.com/biblestudy/prayer/index.html> and <http://bible.org/article/spiritual-growth-study-guide-prayer>