

My Part in Prayer

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1. I need to be abiding in Christ when I pray.

2. I need to have the right motives when I pray.

3. I need to exhibit genuine faith when I pray.

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SUGGESTED DISCUSSION POINTS FROM JULY 1, 2018 SERMON

1. Prayer is one of the most powerful privileges we have been given by God! But does God's Word say anything about our part in prayer?
2. What does it mean to abide or remain in Jesus continuously? (The verb is continuous action [15:7].) What happens to a fruit tree branch if it is cut off of the tree? How much fruit will it produce?
3. What does Jesus promise concerning prayer if we are remaining in Christ?
4. What illustration does Jesus use when talking about prayer in Mark 11:22-23? What could we expect in prayer if we did not believe in prayer at all? How important is faith to prayer?
5. If we pray with selfish motives, what can we expect from prayer? (James 4: 2-3) Name some selfish motives for our prayers. How hard is it for us to keep selfishness out of prayer? What should we do to pray more unselfishly?
6. What do you think James means by "a righteous man" in James 5:17? Who was his example? How does he describe that person's prayer life?
7. Think of someone you consider to be the greatest and most effective prayer warrior you know. What makes their prayer life so powerful? How do they fulfill the truths we studied in these verses?
8. When I look at these verses, where are my greatest weaknesses when it comes to prayer? What do I need to do this next week to improve?