

Living a Christ-Centered Life

LESSON 18: A life Focused with Prayer

In Ch. 18 we will discover three different types of prayer and how they fit into a Christ-centered life.

Questions to consider:

1. How does prayer keep a Christian centered on Jesus? Be specific.

2. If you had to give advice to a “time-crunched” and unfocused Christian, would you have them spend what little they had in prayer or in Bible study? Give reasons.

Word Study Challenge: What do these words teach us about prayer?

v. 3 “Grant”

V.9 “Confident”

1. Read 18:1-8 Persistent Prayer

What makes a Christian give up on prayer?

What makes a Christian continue to pray when it seems it’s not working?

Is giving up on prayer the same as giving up on God?

Can persistent prayer change God’s mind? Doesn’t faith dictate that we need only pray once?

What is most important? Persistent prayer or persistent faith?

2. Read 18:9-14 Arrogant vs. Humble prayer

Consider the attitude of the two men:

What is wrong with being confident in your righteousness?

Is false humility as wrong as self righteousness?

It’s clear both men were sinners. Both men were in the temple praying. Besides the difference between arrogance and humility, what are other differences in the men and their prayers?

3. Read 18:35-43 Faithful, Fearless Prayer

This episode is not prayer in the traditional sense, but it calling out to Lord for help. Agree?

Describe the actions and attitudes of the one petitioning the Lord for help.

Did the Lord help the man because he was bold? If not, why?

How does this episode relate to effective prayer?