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Title: Devoted to prayer

A definition of biblical praying

Biblical prayer is a P_____ and P_____ C_____ with God who we know in our H_____ IS our F_____ through Jesus Christ.

If we pray in this way we can be C_____ that God H_____ us!

If we pray in this way we can be C_____ that God A_____ us!

When you pray are you always sure that God has heard your prayer?

When you pray are you always sure that God will answer your prayer?

1) The CHARACTER of devoted prayer - Acts 2: 42-47

Being devoted (v42) means:

A_____ G_____ C_____ attention to something.

In the early church PRAYER was their top priority

Where does prayer come on your list of priorities?

Do you give as much attention to prayer as to your mobile phone? **Yes / No**

Verse 42 the early church were devoted to The P_____S. So being devoted to prayer will mean praying **M_____** prayers on **M_____** occasions

Verse 46 tells us that the early church would meet to pray **D_____ B_____ D_____** in the Temple. Often they would go to the Temple in the **M_____** and in the **E_____** in order to pray

Verse 46 also tells us that they went **T_____** to the temple. This tells us that it is important for Christians to pray often **T_____**

Verse 46 also tells us that they prayed day by day in their **H_____**

Is praying a regular part of your/our day? YES / NO

Would you like praying to be something you did as a family every day?

How do you think you could help make this happen?

2) The CONTENT of faithful and fervent prayer – Acts 4: 23-31

Why did the church hold a prayer meeting? (Look at 4:17-18)

We see from Acts 23-31 that the early church was committed to the :

B_____ **B**_____ **P**_____

(I) This means that when they prayed they were:

C_____ that **G**_____ is **S**_____ (v24)

When the Bible says that God is sovereign – it means that

G_____ is in **C**_____ of all **T**_____, all the **T**_____ for all **E**_____!

What do you think about God being sovereign?

(II) It also means that when they prayed they were

C_____ **C**_____ - **C**_____ (v27 and v30)

THE Bible tells us the Jesus is at the heart or centre of all of God's plans and purposes

What do you think about Christ being at the centre of your life?

(III) It also means that when they prayed they:

C_____ to **O**_____ **G**_____ (v29)

When you pray do you ask God to help you be obedient to your parents and to God?

3) The CHALLENGE of faithful and fervent prayer – Luke 11: 1-4

Who asked Jesus to teach them to pray in this passage? _____

If the disciples needed to learn to pray do you think we need to learn? **YES / NO**

What is the **A B C D** of prayer?

A = if we are a Christian we have the **A**_____ to pray to God as Father

B = just like Jesus's disciples we need **B**_____ **T**_____ in order to learn how to pray

C = because we can pray and it is such a privilege we will be **C**_____ to prayer

If we remember our **A B C** we will with God's help arrive at **D = DEVOTED**

Thanks for listening carefully – I hope you understood it all – and I trust that the Lord will teach you how to pray in the coming days