
SERMON OUTLINE

It's time to pray

Part 4 – Connected to God series

- I. Pray as a Child – Pray about your own needs and from your own experience.
 - A. Anxieties are a great place to start our prayer life (Philippians 4:6).
 - B. We can enjoy God's peace only as we relinquish control of our anxieties and pray instead (4:7-9).

- II. Pray as a Grown-up – Pray for others because you care for them.
 - A. Prioritize praying for spiritual growth (Philippians 1:9-11; Ephesians 1:16-19).
 - B. Pray to help others in spiritual battle (Ephesians 6:18; Colossians 4:12; Romans 15:30).

- III. Pray as a Worshipper – Praise God in prayer and pray that He would be glorified.
 - A. Pray with a perspective of praise (Ephesians 1:3, 6, 10-12, 14, 16; 2:6)
 - B. Pray for God to do more than we can imagine in the church so that He is glorified (Ephesians 3:20-21).

- IV. Refresh or restart your prayer life.
 - A. Admit and address our cynicism about prayer to grow in faith.
 - B. Pursue diligence in prayer, but avoid guilt trips (Colossians 4:2; Ephesians 3:1, 14)
 - C. Create habits and helps to remember to pray (Eph. 1:16; Romans 1:9-10; Philemon 3)