
Now That I Have Decided To Follow Jesus . . .



I Can Have a Great Prayer Life



“Using the Bible To Teach the Bible”

Lesson 4

Bible Studies for New Christians

OPENING QUESTIONS

Proverbs 15:8

Does the prayer of the upright please God? Y N
Do you want to please God? Y N

Hebrews 4:14–16

Does Jesus care about and sympathize with your weaknesses? Y N
Knowing this, can you pray with confidence? Y N

James 5:16–18

The prayer of a faithful Christian is powerful and effective. T F
Was Elijah a man just like men today? Y N
Did his prayers have great results? Y N

**THIS LESSON WILL ANSWER
FOUR QUESTIONS:**

- **WHY SHOULD YOU PRAY?**
- **WHAT ARE THE ESSENTIALS OF PRAYER?**
- **FOR WHAT SHOULD YOU PRAY?**
- **WHAT WILL HINDER YOUR PRAYERS?**

QUESTION #1: WHY SHOULD YOU PRAY?

Matthew 6:5–9

Does the phrase “when you pray” imply that Jesus expects Christians to pray? Y N

Luke 18:1

Jesus told His disciples they should pray. T F
If you are a disciple of Jesus, do His words apply to you? Y N

Colossians 4:2

Should you be devoted to prayer? Y N

1 Thessalonians 5:17

List some characteristics of being devoted to something or someone.

How would you rate your devotion to prayer?

not at all devoted 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 *completely devoted*

Devotion to prayer includes making prayer a regular activity. T F

Are you seeking to be constantly aware of Jesus’ presence in your life?

QUESTION #2: WHAT ARE THE ESSENTIALS OF PRAYER?

Hebrews 11:6

It is possible to please God without faith. T F
It is therefore impossible to pray effectively without faith. T F

1 John 5:14

To be effective, prayers must be prayed according to God’s will. T F
Prayer and Bible study are closely related. T F

Proverbs 3:5, 6

Prayer is one way we can seek to trust God and not lean on our own understanding. T F

John 14:13; 15:16

Prayers must be offered in Jesus’ name. T F
Does the phrase “in Jesus’ name” mean in or by His authority? Y N

How can you pray in Jesus’ name?

John 15:7

A prerequisite to effective prayer is to live in a close fellowship with Jesus. T F

QUESTION #3: FOR WHAT SHOULD YOU PRAY?

Matthew 5:43–45

Should you pray for your enemies? Y N

Matthew 6:9–13

Should you pray for daily bread? Y N
Should you pray for forgiveness? Y N

Psalm 32:3-5

Should you confess your sins to God when you pray? Y N

Can there be real spiritual growth if you have unconfessed sin in your life? Y N

Revelation 4:11; 5:9

Should your prayers praise and adore God? Y N

Should your prayers be filled with thanksgiving? Y N

What are some things you are thankful for?

Romans 10:1

Did Paul pray for the lost? Y N

For whom are you praying?

1 Timothy 2:1-3

Should Christians pray for their leaders? Y N

What should you pray for in their behalf?

Philippians 4:6, 7

Making your requests known to God is proper. T F

What are some needs or requests that you want to bring before God?

Matthew 9:37, 38

Should you pray for soul-winners and workers? Y N

Colossians 4:3, 4

You should pray for open _____.

QUESTION #4: WHAT WILL HINDER YOUR PRAYERS?

As you read each of the following passages, list attitudes that make prayer ineffective:

Psalm 66:18 —

Matthew 5:23, 24 —

James 4:2, 3 —

1 Peter 3:7 —

1 John 3:22 —

SUMMARY & APPLICATION

What have you learned from this lesson?

How do you intend to use it?

Do you have a prayer list?

If you don't, will you commit to starting one and using it every day?

Will you start right now by writing down some things you need to pray about?

THE A•C•T•S METHOD OF PRAYER

- ADORATION
- CONFESSION
- THANKSGIVING
- SPECIFIC REQUESTS

Remember:

God wants to hear from you and is eager to help you (Matthew 7:7-11).

GREAT PRAYERS OF THE BIBLE (FOR PERSONAL STUDY)

Prayers of:

Abraham

Jacob

Moses

Hannah

Solomon

Hezekiah

David

Ezra

Isaiah

Jeremiah

Habakkuk

Jesus

The church

Paul

Angels in heaven

Scripture Reference:

Genesis 18:20-33

Genesis 32:6-12

Exodus 3:1-4:18; 15:1-18; 33:12-34:9;

Numbers 11:10-30; Deuteronomy 9:18-20, 25-29

1 Samuel 1:1-20; 2:1-10

1 Kings 3:4-15; 8:22-61

1 Kings 19:14-19

1 Chronicles 17:16-27; Psalms 3; 8; 19; 23; 51; 139

Ezra 9:3-10:4

Isaiah 64:1-12

Jeremiah 32:17-27

Habakkuk 3:1-19

Matthew 6:9-15; John 17

Acts 4:23-31

Ephesians 1:15-23; 3:14-21

Revelation 11:15-19; 15:1-4; 16:5-7