

Midweek Study



Notes

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Men of Dependence Needed

1 Timothy 2:8

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Abraham Lincoln said, "Without the assistance of the Divine Being, I cannot succeed. With that assistance I cannot fail."

I. Our OBLIGATION of Prayer

1. The FATHER DESIRES Men Who Pray. "I desire"

Hebrews 11:6

2. The FAMILY ADMIRES Men Who Pray. "THE men"

This emphasis on "THE" men (with a definite article in the Greek), showing that they are to lead in prayer, does not mean that women, youth, or children cannot offer public prayers, but the men should set the pace.

3. The FAITH REQUIRES Men Who Pray. "pray everywhere"

Samuel Chadwich said, "The one concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work and prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but he trembles when we pray."

II. Our OBEDIENCE in Prayer

1. Prayer that BEGINS with HUMILITY "pray..."

When I pray, I depend on God. When I don't pray, I'm saying "God, I don't need you in my life."

You are either prideful or prayerful, but never both!

In Yourself	With God
<p>1. In yourself, you are nothing. Galatians 6:3 For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.</p>	<p>1. You are the righteousness of God through Christ. 2 Cor. 5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.</p>
<p>2 In yourself, you know nothing. 1 Corinthians 8:2 And if anyone thinks that he knows anything, he knows nothing yet as he ought to know.</p>	<p>2. You have the mind of Christ. 1 Corinthians 2:16 For "who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ.</p>
<p>3. In yourself, you have nothing. 1 Cor. 4:7 For who makes you differ from another? And what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did indeed receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?</p>	<p>3. You can have needs and wants met. Philippians 4:19 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Psalm 23:1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.</p>
<p>4. In yourself, you can do nothing. John 15:5 I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.</p>	<p>4. You can do all things through Christ. Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.</p>

Psalms 86:1

2 Chronicles 20:12b

Martin Luther said once, "I have so much to do today, I must spend 3 hours in prayer first."

2. Prayer that CONTINUES through HOLINESS "lifting up holy hands"

Holy translates hosios, meaning "unpolluted," or "unstained by evil."

Ps 24:3-4 Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who may stand in His holy place?

4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart. (see also Psalms 66:18; Isaiah 59:1-2; James 5:16b; 1 Pet 3:12)

Erwin W. Lutzer (1941–) Although posture is not important, I find that I am able to express my dependence better on my knees, a sign of our helplessness apart from the divine enablement.

Extra Bible Study: Lifting Hands in Prayer or Worship

Psalms 63:4 - Thus I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name.

Psalms 28:2 - Hear the voice of my supplications When I cry to You, When I lift up my hands toward Your holy sanctuary.

Psalms 134:2 - Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, And bless the Lord.

Psalms 141:2 - Let my prayer be set before You as incense, The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Psalms 143:6 - I spread out my hands to You; My soul longs for You like a thirsty land. Selah

Lamentations 2:19 - "Arise, cry out in the night, At the beginning of the watches; Pour out your heart like water before the face of the Lord. Lift your hands toward Him For the life of your young children, Who faint from hunger at the head of every street."

3. Prayer that ENDS in HARMONY "anger / arguments"

ANGER - "Without wrath" requires that we be on good terms with one another. "Without anger" might be a better translation. A person who is constantly having trouble with other believers, who is a troublemaker rather than a peacemaker, cannot pray and get answers from God. See James 4:1-2

ARGUMENTS - "Doubting" the word really means "**disputing**." When we have anger in the heart, we often have open disagreements with others. Christians should learn to disagree without being disagreeable. See Matthew 13:57-58 and Philipians 2:14

Jesus' Dependence on God

1. The Son can do nothing of Himself (Jn. 5:17, 19; 8:18)

2. I can of Mine own self do nothing (Jn. 5:30)

3. I seek not Mine own will, but the will of the Father (Jn. 5:30; 6:38)

4. My doctrine is not Mine, but His that sent Me (Jn. 7:16; 8:26, 38)

5. I do nothing of Myself (Jn. 8:28)

6. I do always those things that please Him (Jn. 8:29)

7. I came from God, neither came I of Myself (Jn. 8:42; 16:28)

8. I seek not Mine own glory (Jn. 8:50, 54)

9. I have not spoken of Myself, but the Father gave Me commandment what to speak (Jn. 10:25, 37-38; 14:10-11)

1. Dependent Prayer to know God's Will

- Luke 6:12 (He prayed all night before choosing the 12 disciples)

2. Dependent Prayer for Daily Work

- Mark 1:35

3. Dependent Prayer In A Crises

- Garden of Gethsemene

Jesus was the greatest example of prayer in all of history because He was the most dependent person on God who ever lived.