

Message Notes

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Series: Dream Job: What You Do Matters
Part: 3 of 3
Service: Pray Like Crazy!
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Misguided Approaches to Prayer:

The religious approach.

The God is a happy grandfather approach.

The God-on-retainer approach

What is prayer? An ongoing, intimate conversation with God, our Father, that regularly includes praise, confession, thanksgiving and the sharing of our needs.

I Thessalonians 5:17 says, “Pray continually.”

The Lord’s Prayer. Matthew 6:9-13:

Our Father

Holy or hallowed is your name

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done

Give us this day our daily bread

Forgive us our debts, our transgressions

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil

So what might real, relational ongoing prayer look like?

Pray for yourself.

Romans 12:2, “Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

Colossians 4:2, “Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.”

Pray for those close to you.

Pray for the church and with the church.

Pray for the country and the world....

I Timothy 2:1, 2, “I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving be made for everyone – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.”

So how do you manage all that prayer?

Start small.

Organize.

Pray spontaneously.

Pray with others.

National Day of Prayer:

Thursday, May 6th, 8:30a.m.–2:30p.m.