

The Gospel of John - Part 43

1. The goal of this series of sermons is to motivate every person connected to JBC to **pray** with **devotion** to God at least **15** minutes every **day** until Jesus takes us to heaven.

Colossians 4:2 Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with *an attitude of thanksgiving*;

1 Peter 4:7 The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober *spirit* for the purpose of prayer.

Acts 3:1 Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the ninth *hour*, the hour of prayer.

Matthew 14:23 After He had sent the crowds away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray; and when it was evening, He was there alone.

Mark 1:35 In the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left *the house*, and went away to a secluded place, and was praying there.

Daniel 6:10 Now when Daniel knew that the document was signed, he entered his house (now in his roof chamber he had windows open toward Jerusalem); and he continued kneeling on his knees three times a day, praying and giving thanks before his God, as he had been doing previously.

2. If we would faithfully **devote** ourselves to a **daily** time with God we would become focused "**all the time**" prayers.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 pray without ceasing;

3. When we are devoted to prayer God blesses us.

1) He protects and delivers us from **demons**.

(2) He fills our **souls** with **glory**.

(3) He gives us a great **sense** of His **presence**.

(4) He gives us supernatural **strength**.

(5) He causes our faith to grow super strong,

(6) He gives us wisdom and guides us into His perfect will for our lives.

(7). An amazing blessing that God gives us when we give Him time in prayer is lost people will be saved from an eternity in hell to heaven because of us.

4. The eighth blessing of much prayer is that God blesses others that we intercede for.

2 Corinthians 13:7 Now we pray to God that you do no wrong;

2 Corinthians 13:9 For we rejoice when we ourselves are weak but you are strong; this we also pray for, that you be made complete.

Ephesians 1:18–19 *I pray that* the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,¹⁹ and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. *These are* in accordance with the working of the strength of His might

Ephesians 6:12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.

Ephesians 6:18 With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,

Philippians 1:9–11 And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment,¹⁰ so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ;¹¹ having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which *comes* through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Colossians 1:3 We give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,

Colossians 1:9–11 For this reason also, since the day we heard *of it*, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,¹⁰ so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please *Him* in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;¹¹ strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience;

Colossians 4:12 Epaphras, who is one of your number, a bonds slave of Jesus Christ, sends you his greetings, always laboring earnestly for you in his prayers, that you may stand perfect and fully assured in all the will of God.

2 Timothy 1:3 I thank God, whom I serve with a clear conscience the way my forefathers did, as I constantly remember you in my prayers night and day,

5. **Intercessory** prayer is the major **emphasis** in the Bible, especially the New Testament.

6. We have way more **power** and **influence** with God when we pray for **others** than when we pray for **ourselves**.

7. I faithfully pray in a devoted way at least **one hour** each day by myself for **others**.

8. JBC is the "**I love you** church", we are continually saying "**I love you**" to (1) God, (2) the each other, (3) to the greater Body of Christ, (4) to our unsaved community, (5) and to the whole world.

9. When I say "I love you" to you all, my church family, it is a statement of **commitment**.

10. I am promising you that I will **forgive** you quickly of anything you do to me regardless of how **bad** it might be, and no matter how many **times** you have done it.

11. I am promising you that I will **encourage** you and **help** you if given the **opportunity**.

12. I am promising that I will pray for you.

13. I have been given great authority from God to change through the power of prayer those whom God has given me.

John 17:9 "I ask on their behalf; I do not ask on behalf of the world, but of those whom You have given Me; for they are Yours;

14. I personally have so much faith that I can influence you greatly through prayer that I have you in a prayer journal, with information that I keep up to date, and your picture. I pray for you weekly.

2 Timothy 1:3 I thank God, whom I serve with a clear conscience the way my forefathers did, as I constantly remember you in my prayers night and day,

15. In my prayer journal I have each of my kids, their spouses, and our grandchildren with lots of pictures and continuous needs that I see and hear about. I pray for them every day.

16. God is so opposed to bitterness in us that He will do great work in the lives of our enemies if we pray sincerely for them.

Matthew 5:44 "But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

17. I write or type about 100 notes each week, and I pray for them before I hit "send" or lick the envelope.

18. I pray for our missionaries and our work in Sierra Leone each week.

19. I pray for our government officials and leaders as I read the news.

1 Timothy 2:1–2 First of all, then, I urge that entreaties *and* prayers, petitions *and* thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, ² for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.

20. I have developed a list of lost people who I know personally or from Facebook that I pray for every day.

Romans 10:1 Brethren, my heart's desire and my prayer to God for them is for *their* salvation.

21. The more **systematic** and **organized** our prayer life the more **disciplined** and faithful we will be.

1 Corinthians 14:40 But all things must be done properly and in an orderly manner.