

Oasis Sunday School Class

PRAYING THE BIBLE

TEST:

ON A SCALE OF 1-10 HOW SATISFIED ARE YOU WITH YOUR PRAYER LIFE? _____

T OR F I BELIEVE PRAYER IS POWERFUL.

T OR F I SPEND DEDICATED TIME IN PRAYER MOST EVERY DAY.

T OR F IF I WERE HONEST, I WOULD SAY MY PRAYER TIME IS BORING.

T OR F WHEN I PRAY, I TEND TO PRAY THE SAME OLD THINGS ABOUT THE SAME OLD THINGS.

T OR F I DESIRE TO BE MORE COMMITTED AND DISCIPLINED IN MAKING PRAYER MORE OF A PRIORITY IN MY LIFE.

FOUNDATIONAL TRUTHS:

1. IT IS THE HOLY SPIRIT'S PRESENCE _____ US THAT PROMPTS US TO PRAY.

1 COR. 6:19 DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT YOUR BODY IS THE TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WHO IS IN YOU, WHOM YOU HAVE FROM GOD, AND THAT YOU ARE NOT YOUR OWN?

COL. 1:27 CHRIST IN YOU, THE HOPE OF GLORY.

ROMANS 8:15 FOR YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED A SPIRIT OF SLAVERY LEADING TO FEAR AGAIN, BUT YOU HAVE RECEIVED A SPIRIT OF ADOPTION AS SONS BY WHICH WE CRY OUT, "ABBA, FATHER!"

GAL. 4:6 BECAUSE YOU ARE SONS, GOD HAS SENT FORTH THE SPIRIT OF HIS SON INTO OUR HEARTS, CRYING, "ABBA, FATHER!"

3 REALITIES:

1. THE HOLY SPIRIT CAUSES US TO _____ TO PRAY!
 2. THE HS CAUSES US TO BELIEVE THAT GOD IS OUR _____
 3. THE HS FILLS US WITH AN UNDYING DESIRE TO _____ TO HIM
2. THE PROBLEM IS _____ THAT WE PRAY ABOUT THE SAME OLD THINGS OUR PRAYERS USUALLY INVOLVE THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. YOUR _____
5. YOUR CHRISTIAN _____
6. A CURRENT _____

THE PROBLEM IS:

- THAT WE _____ THE SAME OLD THINGS ABOUT THE SAME OLD THINGS

3. IT IS GOD'S _____ FOR EVERY CHRISTIAN TO HAVE A MEANINGFUL, SATISFYING PRAYER LIFE.

THE SOLUTION TO BORING PRAYER:

1. PRAY THROUGH A PASSAGE OF _____
2. THE BEST PLACE FOR THIS IS IN THE BOOK OF _____

THE METHOD:

**JOHN PIPER OPEN THE BIBLE, START READING IT,
PAUSE AT EVERY VERSE, AND TURN IT INTO A PRAYER.**

1. GO THROUGH A PASSAGE LINE BY LINE, TALKING TO GOD ABOUT _____ COMES TO MIND AS YOU READ THE TEXT.
2. IF YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND THE VERSE GO TO THE _____ VERSE.
3. IF THE MEANING OF THE VERSE IS PERFECTLY CLEAR BUT _____ COMES TO MIND TO PRAY ABOUT, GO ON TO THE NEXT VERSE.
4. SPEAK TO THE LORD ABOUT _____ AND ANYTHING THAT OCCURS TO YOU AS YOU SLOWLY READ THE WORD
5. PRAY ABOUT THOSE THINGS THAT COME TO MIND EVEN IF WHAT COMES TO MIND HAS _____ TO DO WITH THE VERSE.
PHIL 4:6 DO NOT BE ANXIOUS ABOUT ANYTHING, BUT IN EVERYTHING BY PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION WITH THANKSGIVING, LET YOUR REQUESTS BE MADE KNOWN TO GOD.
6. THIS METHOD DOES NOT APPLY TO BIBLE _____
PSALM 130:3 IF YOU, O LORD, SHOULD MARK INIQUITIES, O LORD, WHO COULD STAND?
7. THE METHOD: SIMPLY TURN EVERY _____ GODWARD AS YOU READ THE PASSAGE.

PSALM 23

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD, I SHALL NOT WANT.
HE MAKES ME TO LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES,
HE LEADS ME BESIDE QUIET WATERS.
HE RESTORES MY SOUL.;

HE GUIDES ME IN THE PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE.
EVEN THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH,
I FEAR NO EVIL, FOR YOU ARE WITH ME;

YOUR ROD AND YOUR STAFF, THEY COMFORT ME.

YOU PREPARE A TABLE BEFORE ME IN THE PRESENCE OF MY ENEMIES;

YOU ANOINT MY HEAD WITH OIL; MY CUP OVERFLOWS.

SURELY GOODNESS AND LOVINGKINDNESS WILL FOLLOW ME

ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE,

AND I WILL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD FOREVER.

ROBERT MURRY M'CHEYNE

TURN THE BIBLE INTO PRAYER...THIS IS THE BEST WAY OF KNOWING THE
MEANING OF THE BIBLE, AND OF LEARNING TO PRAY.

BE AWARE OF THE IMPRECATORY PSALMS-

PS. 137:9 BLESSED SHALL HE BE WHO TAKES YOUR LITTLE ONES AND DASHES THEM AGAINST THE ROD

PS. 58:6 O GOD, BREAK THE TEETH IN THEIR MOUTHS.

PS. 58:8 LET THEM BE LIKE THE SNAIL THAT DISSOLVES INTO SLIME.

BENEFITS OF PRAYING THIS WAY:

1. IT MAKES IT EASY TO _____ IN PRAYER
2. IT WILL EXPAND OR CONTRACT TO ACCOMMODATE HOWEVER MUCH OR HOW LITTLE _____ YOU HAVE FOR PRAYER.
3. YOU DON'T HAVE TO GET VERY _____ INTO THE TEXT TO PRAY THE BIBLE
4. YOU NEVER RUN OUT OF _____ TO SAY
5. YOU WILL NOT PRAY EMPTY _____ PHRASES
6. YOU USE _____ WORDS WHEN YOU PRAY

JONI EARECKSON TADA

I HAVE LEARNED TO....SEASON MY PRAYERS WITH THE WORD OF GOD. IT IS A WAY OF TALKING TO GOD IN HIS LANGUAGE-SPEAKING HIS DIALECT, USING HIS VERNACULAR, EMPLOYING HIS IDIOMS...THAT IS NOT A MATTER SIMPLY OF DIVINE VOCABULARY. IT IS A MATTER OF POWER. WHEN WE BRING GOD'S WORD DIRECTLY INTO OUR PRAYING, WE ARE BRINGING GOD'S POWER INTO OUR PRAYING. HEBREWS 4:12 DECLARES THAT GOD'S WORD IS LIVING, AND SO IT INFUSES OUR PRYERS WITH LIFE AND VITALITY. GOD'S WORD IS ALSO ACTIVE, INJECTING ENERGY AND POWER INTO OUR PRAYERS.

WHY THE PSALMS:

1. INSPIRED FOR THE PURPOSE OF BEING _____ TO GOD
2. THE PSALMS ARE THE _____ OF ISRAEL
3. GOD GAVE THE PSALMS TO US SO THAT WE WOULD GIVE THE PSALMS _____ TO HIM.
4. THE PSALMS GIVE US THE _____ WORDS
5. THE "PSALMS A DAY" APPROACH:
 - a. SCAN _____ SUGGESTED PSALMS
 - b. THERE ARE _____ PSALMS (DIVIDED BY 30 = 5)
 - c. START WITH THE PSALM THAT CORRESPONDS WITH THE DAY OF THE MONTH. THEN ADD _____ 5 TIMES. THAT WILL GIVE YOU THE 5 PSALMS OF THE DAY
 - d. MOST MONTHS HAVE 30 DAYS BUT ON THE MONTHS THAT HAVE 31 GO TO PSALM _____ (LONGEST C. IN THE BIBLE)
 - e. THIS PLAN GIVE YOU _____ AND MOMENTUM

f. YOU WILL REGULARLY AND SYSTEMATICALLY ENCOUNTER _____ OF THE 150 PSALMS

6. EVERY _____ IN THE BIBLE IS IN THE BOOK OF PSALMS

7. GOD HAS INSPIRED A PSALM FOR EVERY SIGH OF THE _____

8. GOD PUT THEM IN THE BIBLE FOR US TO PUT THEM IN OUR _____ BACK TO HIM.