

**CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH
SERMON SCRIPTURES/OUTLINE
(November 3, 2024)**

PRAYER: THE BASICS

1. Every culture _____.
2. Prayer is an earmark of _____.
3. Prayer is part of everyone's life, we just do not feel _____ in doing it.
(Romans 8:26; Luke 11:1)

Romans 8:26

26 In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for *us* with groanings too deep for words;

Luke 11:1

1 It happened that while Jesus was praying in a certain place, after He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John also taught his disciples."

4. Our frustrations with prayer are caused by our _____ about prayer.
 - a. Prayer is not _____.
 - b. Prayer is not _____.
 - c. Prayer is not _____.
 - d. Prayer is not _____. (Matthew 6:7)

Matthew 6:7

7 "And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words.

5. Four basic truths about prayer:

- a. God loves for you to talk with Him _____.
(Philippians 4:6; 1 Thessalonians 5:17)

Philippians 4:6

6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

1 Thessalonians 5:17

17 pray without ceasing;

Why does He want to talk with you?

Because _____.

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Prayer is a _____, not a ritual with certain words and rules.

Prayer involves you _____ to God, but also you _____ to God.

Prayer is about growing your _____ with God.

- b. God listens to prayers that are _____.
(Matthew 6:5-8; Hebrews 10:22)

Matthew 6:5-8

5 "When you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they may be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. 6 But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees *what is done* in secret will reward you.

7 “And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words. 8 So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.

Hebrews 10:22

22 let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith,

- c. God likes to show His love and compassion by _____.
(Jeremiah 33:3; Matthew 7:11; James 4:2)

(God always answers your prayers with either _____, _____, or _____.)

Jeremiah 33:3

3 ‘Call to Me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know.’

Matthew 7:11

11 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!

James 4:2

2 . . . You do not have because you do not ask.

- d. God longs to _____.
(Isaiah 30:18; Hosea 6:6; John 15:15)

Isaiah 30:18

18 Therefore the LORD longs to be gracious to you,
And therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you.
For the LORD is a God of justice;
How blessed are all those who long for Him.

Hosea 6:6

6 For I delight in loyalty rather than sacrifice,
And in the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

John 15:15

15 No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.

How do you get closer to God? _____.
_____. (James 4:8)

James 4:8

8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.