

Introduction

I. THE IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER

Prayer is the key ingredient we often neglect

A. Prayer unburdens our minds and hearts

– I Peter 5:7

B. Prayer accesses spiritual blessings

– Ephesians 1:16-18

C. Prayer gives strength to avoid sin

– II Corinthians 13:7

II. BARRIERS TO PRAYER

– Too busy, tired, distracted

– Lack of faith, knowledge, or piety

– Worries, riches, desires choke prayer life

III. JESUS' TEACHING ON PRAYER CONTENT

– Luke 11:1-13

1. Adoration – "Hallowed be Thy Name" _____
2. Search for the Kingdom – "Your kingdom come" _____
3. Daily needs – "Give us each day our daily bread" _____
4. Relational healing – "Forgive us our sins" _____
5. Strength for spiritual battle – "Lead us not into temptation" _____

IV. JESUS' TEACHING ON PRAYER ATTITUDE

Persistence in prayer shows faith _____

God is kind and willing to answer _____

Burden is on us to persevere in prayer _____

V. ENCOURAGEMENT TO DEVELOP PRAYER LIFE

- Read Psalms to learn prayer language _____
 - Practice praying in 5 key areas _____
 - Pray out loud to focus _____
 - Pray daily, even briefly _____
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VI. INVITATION TO RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

– Luke 11:13 _____

The Holy Spirit is the ultimate gift from the Father _____

Receive salvation, peace, power, eternal life through Him _____