

A black and white photograph of a hand reaching out from the left side of the frame. The hand is positioned behind the text 'FULLY DEVOTED'. The background is dark and textured. The text is in a large, yellow, serif font, with a thin yellow line underlining the word 'DEVOTED'.

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Matthew 11:28–30

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

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WHAT IS PRAYER?

- Prayer is an act of communication by humans with a Holy God.

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- Prayer is an act of communication by humans with a Holy God.
- **There are different ways of praying and different kinds of prayers.**

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A black and white photograph of a hand reaching upwards with fingers spread, palm facing up, in a gesture of prayer. The hand is wearing a dark, textured sleeve. The background is a dark, textured grey.

WHY DO WE PRAY?

- It is about nurturing and growing a relationship with God.

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WHY DO WE PRAY?

- It is about nurturing and growing a relationship with God.
- **It is about intentionally inviting God into all of our life—the interesting, the remarkable and the mundane.**

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COMMON STRUGGLES WITH PRAYER:

- **intimidated**

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Matthew 6:7–8

When you pray don't talk on and on as people do who don't know God. They think God likes to hear long prayers. Don't be like them. Your Father knows what you need before you ask.

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COMMON STRUGGLES WITH PRAYER:

- intimidated
- **not a habit**

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COMMON STRUGGLES WITH PRAYER:

- intimidated
- not a habit
- **busy**

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COMMON STRUGGLES WITH PRAYER:

- intimidated
- not a habit
- busy
- **not effective**

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Psalm 4:3

The Lord will hear when I
call to Him.

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James 5:16

The prayers of the righteous
are powerful and effective.

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TIPS TO BECOME MORE INTENTIONAL WITH PRAYER:

- establish a routine of prayer

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TIPS TO BECOME MORE INTENTIONAL WITH PRAYER:

- establish a routine of prayer
- **look for spontaneous
prayer opportunities**

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Acts 10:34

It is God's own truth, nothing
could be plainer; God plays
no favourites!

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A black and white photograph of a hand reaching out from a dark, textured sleeve, set against a dark, grainy background. The hand is open, with fingers slightly spread, and the sleeve has a thick, knitted or fur-like texture.

John 10:3–5

He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. After he has gathered his own flock he walks ahead of them and they follow him because they know the Shepherd's voice.

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John 10:3–5

They won't follow a stranger;
they will run from him
because they don't know the
stranger's voice.

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Sacred Pathways *(Gary Thomas)*

Naturalist: loving God
through nature

Sensate: loving God with
the senses

Traditionalist: loving God
through ritual and symbol

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Sacred Pathways *(Gary Thomas)*

Ascetic: loving God through solitude and simplicity

Activist: loving God through confrontation

Caregiver: loving God by loving others

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Enthusiast: loving God with
mystery and celebration

Contemplative: loving God
through adoration

Intellectual: loving God with
the mind

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HOW TO CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE TO HEAR GOD:

- quiet environmental noise

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HOW TO CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE TO HEAR GOD:

- quiet environmental noise
- **quiet spiritual noise**

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WHAT MIGHT HINDER US FROM HEARING GOD:

- sin

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WHAT MIGHT HINDER US FROM HEARING GOD:

- sin
- **attitude**

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WHAT MIGHT HINDER US FROM HEARING GOD:

- sin
- attitude
- **busyness**

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WHAT MIGHT HINDER US FROM HEARING GOD:

- sin
- attitude
- busyness
- **unforgiveness**

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WHAT MIGHT HINDER US FROM HEARING GOD:

- sin
- attitude
- busyness
- unforgiveness
- **warped views**

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YOU KNOW IT IS GOD SPEAKING WHEN:

- it aligns with Scripture

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YOU KNOW IT IS GOD SPEAKING WHEN:

- it aligns with Scripture
- **it aligns with God's
character**

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YOU KNOW IT IS GOD SPEAKING WHEN:

- it aligns with Scripture
- it aligns with God's character
- **what you sense is accompanied with peace and rest**

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YOU KNOW IT IS GOD SPEAKING WHEN:

- what you sense might be a
new truth or deeper insight

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YOU KNOW IT IS GOD SPEAKING WHEN:

- what you sense might be a new truth or deeper insight
- **it might cause you to wrestle internally**

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YOU KNOW IT IS GOD SPEAKING WHEN:

- what you sense might be a new truth or deeper insight
- it might cause you to wrestle internally
- **what you think God is saying is confirmed by others or situations**

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