

John 15:1-8: Keys to Spiritual Productivity

- Vs 1-6: Abiding in Christ
Example: Acts 4:13

- Vs 7-8: Prayer

The legacy of the believer: GOD IS GLORIFIED THRU _____ PRAYER.

Answered prayer requires _____ Jesus!

John 14:11-14 compare **James 1:5-8**

Answered prayer comes as we PRAY _____ to the _____.
James 4:2-3 compare **1 John 5:14-15**

Answered prayer is connected to our _____ to Christ's mission.

John 15:16; John 14:13

Answered prayer comes as we _____. **John 16:23-24**

Timothy 2:1-8. Praying effectively for the lost.

Praying the Right _____ for the Right _____

We are too "Calvinistic" in our prayer life. We reason wrongly on passages like **Matthew 6:6-8**
Compare **Exodus 32:7-14**

- **In prayer, God has given us a way to _____ Him!**
- **Conversely, understand that prayerlessness is a declaration of _____ from God.**

1. _____? Vs 1

- **The _____ of prayer. Ephesians 6:18-20**

- **"FIRST OF ALL"**

We spend too much time _____ when we should be much in prayer!

No prayer, many _____. (Prayerlessness is powerlessness.)

Much prayer, much _____. (You gave your burdens to the Lord.)

- **The _____ of prayer. Vs 1**

supplications – offering a request for needs / felt needs.

Ex: Dan 9:17-23 (Daniel for Israel) Gen 18:20-33 (Abe for Lot) **1 Peter 5:6-7**

prayers – the most common term. Petitions. 1 Thess 5:17

intercessions – petitions to God for another.

giving of thanks – self-explanatory. Ex: Ps 103 – just praise! **Phil 4:6-7**

Notice that these prayers don't just _____; prayers must be _____

2. _____? Vs 1-2

- for all men;
- For kings, and *for* all that are in authority;

3. _____? Vs 2 Three reasons.

- ***So that we are able to live our lives for Christ freely!***
- ***So that God who desires the salvation of all men will be _____.*** Vs 3-4

Vs 4a: *That's _____.* 2 Peter 3:9

Vs 4b: *That's _____.*

- ***Because Christ Himself is the _____ for our prayers.*** Vs 5-6
Job 9:32; 1 Timothy 3:16 compare **John 15:16; John 16:23**

How has Jesus bridged us to God?

He paid the price to buy all of man out of the slavery of sin. Vs 6. **Hebrews 2:9**

Vs 5-6 do not say that OUR mediator is praying for the **lost**.

- God commands **us** to pray for all men because He wants all men **saved**! Vs 1; **John 17:9-10**

KEY: We must be _____ what we are _____. 2 Cor 5:18-19

We should pray what we preach.

4. _____? Vs 8

- *Every _____.*
- *Lifting up _____ hands.* **Psalm 66:18-20** compare **2 Sam 22:21; Ps 24:3-4**
- *Without wrath and doubting.*

There can be no _____ in prayer.

There can be no _____ in prayer. **Hebrews 11:6**