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Christian Basics 102

How To Pray - part two

Introduction: In this second of six lessons on the basics of the Christian faith, you will learn the basics of how to pray. Prayer is one of the benefits we have as a Christian. It is important for us to know how to pray so our prayers are effective. Part two will cover four basic keys of how to pray.

I. Summary of Part One -

- A. Prayer is important for us as believers
- B. Prayer is communicating with God to build our relationship with Him.
- C. Place and time of prayer. You can pray anytime and any where.
- D. Position or posture of prayer. You can pray kneeling but you can pray while you sitting, standing, walking, or practical any position.

The important thing is to be praying (talking with God and listening to God on a regular basis.

II. Four Basic Keys of How to Pray -

These all deal with our approach and attitude toward God as we pray (communicate with Him). There are several other principles of prayer that are important but these are a great place to get started as a Christian.

- A. Come to God with praise and thanksgiving.
 - 1. **Psalm 100:4**
 - 2. Hebrews 13:15
- B. Come to God with boldness.
 - 1. **Hebrews 4:16**-
 - 2. We are able to come boldly to the Father only through Jesus and because of His blood. John 14:6

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3. Boldness means with confidence. Not confidence in us but confidence in what Jesus did for us. Ephesians 3:12
 4. Without fear, condemnation, or guilt - Romans 8:1; John 3:17
- C. Come to God in faith -
1. Faith is required to please God - Hebrews 11:6
 2. Faith comes by hearing the Word. Romans 10:17
 3. Praying in faith means praying God's Word.
 - His Word is His will
 4. When pray according to His will our prayers are answered. 1John 5:14-15
 5. God watches over His Word to make sure it happens.
 - Jeremiah 1:12
 - Isaiah 55:11
- D. Come to God with a spirit of humility.
1. Humility means recognizing God deserves the glory not us.
 - we are submitted to the Lordship of God in our life.
 2. God resists the proud but gives grace (favor/ability) to the humble. James 4:6-7

Congratulations! You completed part two of How to Pray. Now go to the website and take the exam and then take the next course Basics 103 How to Study the Bible.

Also, if you are new to the faith I have written a book I want you to have free, It is titled "What Is Next". Go to our website www.breakthroughforyou.com and download it at no cost.