

I. LIVING SPIRITUALLY THROUGH PRAYER.

- A. David knew the value of prayer to God Psa. 5:3
- B. Jesus showed us the importance of a place Mk. 1:35
- C. Jesus taught the apostles how to pray Lk. 11:1-4
- D. We should not neglect our prayer life Ac. 6:4

II. THE PRIVILEGE OF PRAYER.

- A. Prayer gives one the opportunity to be like Jesus:
 - 1. Jesus prayed as He performed miracles Jn. 11:41-44
 - 2. Jesus prayed in private Mt. 14:23
 - 3. Jesus prayed on the eve of His death Mt. 26:36-44
 - 4. Jesus prayed on the cross as He died Lk. 23:34
- B. Prayer is an effective way to fight Satan:
 - 1. Pray to have deliverance from evil Mt. 6:13
 - 2. Pray with the correct motives Jas. 4:3
 - 3. To receive we must first ask Jas. 4:2b
 - 4. Never fear, always pray Phil. 4:6
- C. Prayer is the means to close fellowship with God
 - 1. Pray without ceasing 1Th. 5:17
 - 2. Pray to stay away from temptation Lk. 22:40

III. THE CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTABLE PRAYER.

- A. We must pray without calling attention to ourselves Mt. 6:5b
- B. We must not let our prayers degenerate into mere formality Mt. 6:7
- C. We must pray with the full confidence of faith of God Jas. 1:5-6
- D. We must always pray according to the will of God 1Jn. 5:14-15
- E. We must live lives of submission to Him for our prayers to be effective 1Pet. 3:12
- F. We must be willing to do our part to see that our prayers are answered 1Pet. 3:7

IV. THE "HOW" OF PRAYER.

- A. The letter "P" could stand for praise:
 - 1. David praised God every day Psa. 145:2
 - 2. Jesus gave praise to His Father Mt. 11:25
- B. The letter "R" could stand for recognize:
 - 1. Let us recognize physical blessings Jas. 1:17
 - 2. Let us recognize spiritual blessings Eph. 1:3
- C. The letter "A" could stand for acknowledge:
 - 1. Let us acknowledge our needs to God Phil. 3:19
 - 2. Let us draw near to the throne of grace Heb. 4:16
 - 3. Let us be strong through temptation Eph. 6:10-11
 - 4. Acknowledgement gives direction Prov. 3:6
- D. The letter "Y" could stand for yearnings:
 - 1. Pray for the lost Rom. 10:1
 - 2. Pray for brethren who have sinned Jas. 5:16
 - 3. Pray for leaders in government 1Tim. 2:1-2