

**A TOPICAL STUDY OF THE BOOK OF PROVERBS**

Lesson 7

**SECTION : MY RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD  
TOPIC: MY PRAYER LIFE**

**INTRODUCTION**

What a privilege it is to pray! It is not a work, not a task, not a duty, burden or obligation. It is the most joyous privilege in the world. We can talk with God at any time about anything. Not only does He listen, He also promises to help us, guide us and provide for our every need. May God help you to discover the full, beautiful experience of prayer. Use this week's homework to learn more about prayer and to be motivated to improve and increase your prayer life.

**SCRIPTURE SEARCH**

This part of your homework highlights the scriptures found in Proverbs on this topic. Look up the following verses. Write them in your own words and describe how they spoke to your heart about the importance of prayer.

**Proverbs 15: 8-9** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Proverbs 15:29** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Proverbs 28:9** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Proverbs 28:13** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**SCRIPTURE RESEARCH**

This part of your homework gives additional Biblical references for this topic. Look up and comment on *at least* one verse in each topic:

**HOW OFTEN TO PRAY**

- I Chronicles 16:11 \_\_\_\_\_
- Luke 18:1 \_\_\_\_\_
- I Thessalonians 5:17 \_\_\_\_\_
- Ephesians 6:18 \_\_\_\_\_

**HOW TO PRAY**

- Psalms 66:18-19 \_\_\_\_\_
- Matthew 6:6 \_\_\_\_\_
- Matthew 21:22 \_\_\_\_\_
- Matthew 7:7 \_\_\_\_\_
- Luke 18:1 \_\_\_\_\_
- Romans 8:26 \_\_\_\_\_
- Ephesians 6:18 \_\_\_\_\_
- I Timothy 2:8 \_\_\_\_\_
- I John 5:14 \_\_\_\_\_

**WHY TO PRAY**

- Matthew 26:41 \_\_\_\_\_
- John 16:24 \_\_\_\_\_
- James 5:13-15 \_\_\_\_\_

**VALUE OF PRAYER**

- Revelation 5:8 \_\_\_\_\_
- Revelation 8:3 \_\_\_\_\_

**EXAMPLE OF CHRIST IN PRAYER**

- Mark 1:35 \_\_\_\_\_
- Mark 6:46 \_\_\_\_\_
- Luke 5:16 \_\_\_\_\_
- Luke 6:12 \_\_\_\_\_
- Luke 22:41 \_\_\_\_\_
- John 17:1-26 \_\_\_\_\_

SCRIPTURE REACTION

It is probably true that not one of us really prays enough. How can you increase the *quantity* and *quality* of your own prayer life based on what you have learned this week?

Use this section to write a prayer to the Lord asking Him to help you in the weak areas of your prayer life. Write down the specific areas that need to be strengthened.

SCRIPTURAL ACTION

What actions do you now need to incorporate into your life to fulfill your responsibility to these scriptures? What plans need to be made and what steps need to be taken to bring you into proper alignment with God's Word? Enter your prayer for this plan in the prayer journal section of your notebook.

Look at the "Weekly Prayer Strategy" in the Prayer Section of your notebook. Have you incorporated this method of prayer into your prayer life?

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SCRIPTURE CHALLENGE

Look up two or more of these prayers in the Bible and answer the following questions.

1. What are they praying for?
2. What was their attitude in prayer?
3. How did God answer?
4. How can I apply their attitude to my life?

Abraham - Genesis 15:1-6

Rebekah - Genesis 25:22,23

Moses - Exodus 32:31-35

Joshua - Joshua 7:6-9

Hannah - I Samuel 1:10-17

David - I Samuel 23:10-13

Solomon - I Kings 3:6-14

Elijah - I Kings 17:20-23

Daniel - Daniel 2:17-23

Disciples - Acts 4:24-31

Paul - Ephesians 3:14-21

Meditate on and memorize the following scripture:

*Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.*  
James 5:16

