

## The Importance of Prayer between the Pulpit and the Pew

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Warning: It is irresponsible for any leader or laity to not have a personal, private prayer life.

The greatest lesson anyone could ever want to learn is, how to pray. We find this example in Luke 11:1 Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, that one of His disciples said to Him, “**Lord teach us to pray**, as John also taught his disciples.”

But it is not just for us to learn the lesson, but to exercise the lesson. Paul charges us in 1 Thessalonians 5:17 “Pray without ceasing”

Why? Because, ministry \_\_\_\_\_ happen if God doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ with us.

Whatever you see for the future, you won't reach it if it's not fueled by \_\_\_\_\_.

Scriptures that show us leaders and churches praying:

- Jesus Prays: Matthew 11:25:26; 26:36-39, Luke 11:1, John 11:41-42; 12:28; 17

- Paul Prays: Romans 1:8-10, 1 Corinthians 1:4, Ephesians 1:16-17, Philippians 1:3-4, Colossians 1:3
- The Church Prays: Acts 1:14; 2:42; 4:23-31; 12:5-17; 12:12; 20:36; 21:5, 2 Corinthians 1:11, Romans 15:30, James 5:14, Ephesians 6:19-20.

Both the pulpit and the pew must pray.

Reasons why we don't pray consistently or effectively:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

A. The \_\_\_\_\_

2 Thessalonians 3:1-2

We must model and teach a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ which underwrites \_\_\_\_\_ our ministry efforts.

Pulpit:

\_\_\_\_\_

Pew:

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B. The \_\_\_\_\_

Colossians 4:2-4

Preaching is a cooperative experience, and it is only effective when God participates.

Pulpit:

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Pew:

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It's a terrible thing for our prayer life to be consumed with things God isn't concerned with.

Some of our prayer files in heaven are only filled with \_\_\_\_\_ and no \_\_\_\_\_.

C. The \_\_\_\_\_  
2 Corinthians 1:8-11

Prayer infused proclamation leads to people meeting Jesus.

Pulpit:

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Pew:

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D. The \_\_\_\_\_  
Romans 15:30-33

A lifestyle of prayer strengthens the church spiritually by drawing us closer to God and to one another.

Dr. Frank Thomas calls it “the cruciformed life.”

Pulpit:

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Pew:

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Throughout the New Testament prayer is modeled as a \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the church to both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

Prayer develops a lifestyle of power, patience, and peace.

- Mark 9:29
- Luke 18:1
- Philippians 4:6