

# The Wonder of Prayer

Colossians 4:2

“Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.”

Prayer! What an awesome privilege that has been given to us to talk to God!

Anytime, anywhere, we can talk to our Father God! And He hears us, as the Bible says in Proverbs 15:29 “The Lord is far from the wicked, but he hears the prayer of the righteous” and 1 John 5:14 “...if we ask anything according to his will he will hear us.” And He even answers us, like John 16:24 says, “Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.”

The joy and peace of spending time with God in prayer is indescribable! To open the Bible to the Words of God, to get my heart and mind prepared to talk to the One who knows me better than anyone. To the One who knows my sins (Psalm 69:5 “O God, you know my folly; the wrongs I have done are not hidden from you”), who knows what I’m going to pray, (Psalm 139:4 “Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it altogether”) who knows my heart! It is hard to describe the joy, peace, comfort and contentment received from prayer time.

I missed out on so much joy and peace when I did not spend regular time in prayer. I have always prayed, but it might be a hurried prayer before bedtime or a quick prayer sending my kids out the door to school. I was busy, God knew I loved Him, I was busy with church stuff and life.... But now I realize what opportunity I missed. The closeness to God that I missed. Everyone is in different a season of their life, but, through every season of life God has been faithful! Lamentations 3:22-23 tells us, “The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” Even when I was lax in my time spent with Him, He still answered prayers, He still loved me, He was still with me!! (Hebrews 13:5 ... “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”)

I encourage you to take time everyday just to sit with God and talk... The time spent with God will be worth it! It will benefit everyone around you! You will find yourself wanting to spend longer time in prayer. To worship our God in prayer. The love you feel toward God, the thankfulness you have to God, the humility of knowing God knows your faults and mess-ups but forgives you ...

The Joy of the Lord is yours! And you can always remember that that “...joy of the Lord is your strength” (Nehemiah 8:10).