

Experiencing God's Purpose Together

“God is . . .”

Luke 18:1-8 09.28.14

1. God is _____

- We hear teaching on prayer often and become _____ because we know we are not praying _____.
- Prayer is not seen as a _____ part of our daily lives.
- We don't understand how much God _____ in us.
Luke 18:1-8

2. God is _____

- Prayer deals with the condition of the _____.
Luke 18:1
- God calls us to _____ in prayer.
Luke 18:2-7
- Prayer reminds us of the _____ nature of God.
Luke 18:8

3. God is our _____

- The Church of the Living God is to be a _____ of Prayer for all _____.
Mark 11:17
- Prayer is as essential to _____ life as breathing is to physical life.
Philippians 4:5-7

FURTHER STUDY:

1. The Pharisees in the New Testament were a significant group known for their highly religious prayers, yet their hearts were far from God. As you read the following passages, what did they do that looked pleasing to God on the outside, but actually fell far short in reality?

Matthew 23:1-4

Matthew 23:25-26

Matthew 23:23-24

Matthew 23:27-28

⇒ What motivations or issues caused them to miss what God was really calling them to do in this discipline of prayer?

2. One of the problems the Pharisees ran into was that their prayers and passion for seeking God became self-serving. They wanted to control God in their prayers - their zeal had gone bad. The Apostle Paul, who was once a Pharisee himself, still encouraged the early church to be zealous about their walk with God. He wrote, “*Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.*” (Romans 12:11) What do the following passages encourage us to be zealous or passionate about?

Psalms 1:1-3

John 13:1-17

Philippians 2:1-11

⇒ How could zeal in each of these areas become something other than what God intends?

3. We know from the Word of God that He desires for us to fear Him (be in awe, honor and revere). How do the following verses help you gain a greater understanding of what it means to have a healthy fear of God?

Proverbs 1:7

Proverbs 3:7-7

Proverbs 2:1-5

Proverbs 8:13-14

⇒ Write your thoughts out from these verses as a short prayer to God: