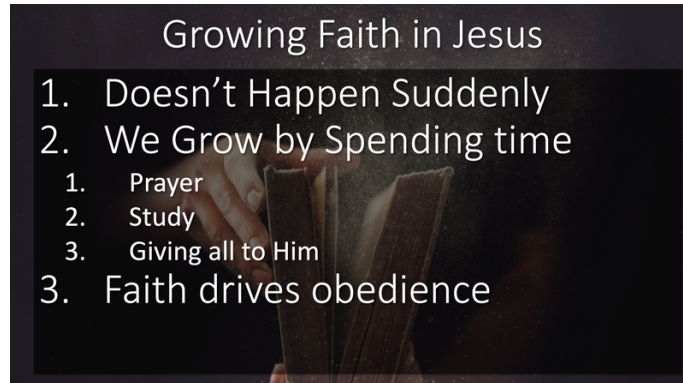


# Practical Christianity

Part 2: Why Prayer

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We need a power to come upon us now and stir us up to diligence and earnest \_\_\_\_\_. Then, baptized with the Holy Spirit, we shall have \_\_\_\_\_ formed within, the hope of glory. Then we will \_\_\_\_\_ Christ as the divine object of our faith and our love. We will talk of Christ, we will \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ and about Christ. We will praise His holy name. -3 Selected Messages 186

<sup>21</sup>“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. <sup>22</sup>Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name,

and done many wonders in Your name?' <sup>23</sup>And then I will declare to them, 'I \_\_\_\_\_ knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!' Matthew 7:21-23

Prayer is the opening of the heart to God as to a \_\_\_\_\_.  
Not that it is necessary in order to make known to God what we are, but in order to enable us to \_\_\_\_\_ Him.  
Prayer does not bring God down to us, but brings us \_\_\_\_\_ to Him. -Steps to Christ 93

Who is this talking about? \_\_\_\_\_  
His life presents a lesson of priceless worth to every Christian.  
Would that the faith and humility, the untiring zeal, self-sacrifice, and devotion of this servant of Christ might be reflected in the churches of today! -Great Controversy 264

These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers. -Acts 1:14

**Bonus** - What a prayer this must have been, springing fresh from a simple insistent faith. In every great moment of the infant church prayer was spontaneously resorted to. This was not from mere habit, though the habit was good; nor as a ritual, for this had not yet come to formalize the worship of the church, but because it seemed to the apostles as natural to talk, through prayer, to their Lord in heaven as it had been to talk face to face with Jesus on earth. So should it have ever been in the church's experience, and so should it now be.

The Seventh-Day Adventist Bible Commentary, vol. 6 130–131

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. <sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:1-4

Luther was a man of \_\_\_\_\_. He worked and prayed as though something must be done, and that at once, and it was done. His prayers were followed up by venturing something on the promises of God; and through divine aid he was enabled to shake the vast power of Rome, so that in every country the foundation of the papacy trembled.

Gospel Workers 428

**Bonus** - From the secret place of prayer came the power that shook the world in the Great Reformation. There, with holy calmness, the servants of the Lord set their feet upon the rock of his promises. During the struggle at Augsburg, Luther did not fail to devote three hours each day to prayer; and these were taken from that portion of the day most favorable to study. In the privacy of his chamber he was heard to pour out his soul before God in words full of adoration, fear, and hope, as if speaking to a friend. "I know that thou art our Father and our God," he said, "and that thou wilt scatter the persecutors of thy children; for thou art thyself endangered with us. All this matter

is thine, and it is only by thy constraint that we have put our hands to it. Great Controversy 88 210

“I do beg and pray to be more like Jesus that I may reflect His lovely image. More and more I long to be filled with all the fullness of God.” Manuscript Releases vol 8 pg 223

“I awoke at three o’clock a.m. I feel deeply the need of casting my helpless soul upon Jesus Christ. He is my helper. He is my all and in all. I am weak as water without the Holy Spirit of God to help me.” 12LtMs, Ms 177, 1897, par. 53

Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He \_\_\_\_\_ . Mark 1:35

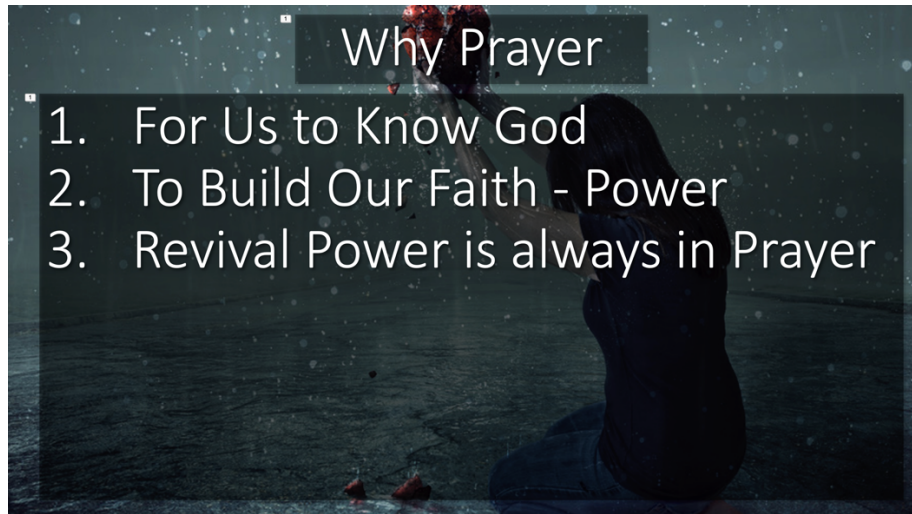
While the city was hushed in silence, and the disciples had returned to their homes to obtain refreshment in sleep, Jesus slept \_\_\_\_\_. His divine pleadings were ascending to His Father from the Mount of Olives that His disciples might be kept

from the evil influences which they would daily encounter in the world, and that His own soul might be strengthened and braced for the duties and trials of the coming day.

\_\_\_\_\_ night, while His followers were sleeping, was their divine Teacher \_\_\_\_\_. The dew and the frost of night fell upon His head bowed in prayer. His example is left for His followers....Jesus could heal the sick and raise the dead. He was Himself a source of blessing and strength. He commanded even the tempests, and they obeyed Him. He was unsullied with corruption, a stranger to sin; \_\_\_\_\_ He prayed, and that often with strong crying and tears. He prayed for His disciples and for Himself, thus identifying Himself with our needs, our weaknesses, and our failings, which are so common with humanity. He was a mighty petitioner, not possessing the passions of our human, fallen natures, but compassed with like infirmities, tempted in all points even as we are. Jesus endured agony which required help and support from His Father.

Christ is our \_\_\_\_\_. God's Amazing Grace 167

By your fervent prayers of \_\_\_\_\_ you can move the arm that moves the \_\_\_\_\_. -Adventist Home 264



Is not the Spirit of God to come today, in answer to earnest, persevering prayer, and fill men with power for service? Why, then, is the church so weak and spiritless?

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