

The Obstacles to Discipleship

(Obstacle 5 – The Absence of Meaningful Prayer)

- I. The Necessity of Prayer – 2 Chronicles 7:14**
- II. The Means of Prayer – Matthew 7:7-11**
 - A. Prayer is a _____ from God
 - B. Prayer is an exercise of our _____ in the goodness and faithfulness of God
- III. The _____ of Prayer – Matthew 6:5-8**
 - A. A method that exemplifies _____ and personal intimacy with God – vs. 5, 6
 - B. A method that is grounded in integrity and _____ – vs. 7, 8
- IV. The _____ of Prayer – Philippians 4:6, 7; James 4:1-4**
 - A. An attitude of trust – *Philippians 4:6*
 - B. An attitude of thankfulness – *Philippians 4:7*
 - C. An attitude of _____ – *James 4:1-4*
- V. The Objects of Prayer**
 - A. Our Own Spiritual Health – *James 1:2-8; Matthew 26:41; Psalm 4:1*
 - B. Other Christians (The Church) – *Ephesians 6:18; James 5:13-15*
 - i. We should pray for their spiritual growth and the spiritual warfare they face.
 - ii. We should pray for any earthly suffering they may be enduring.
 - C. The _____ Around Us and The Authorities Over Us – *1 Timothy 2:1-2*

Conclusions for Discipleship

1. Prayer is an integral part of our lives as disciples

2. Prayer is fundamental the _____ of the church
3. Prayer is an essential component of making disciples