



Midweek Bible Study: Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Series Entitled: "Prayer Works"

Subject: "Improving Our Communication with God & People"

➤ **Improving Communication with God**

● **Pray Persistently**

- **Colossians 4:2a** "Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with *an attitude of thanksgiving*"
 - It is our responsibility to dedicate ourselves to pray on a consistent basis.
 - We should allocate/set apart a specific time for prayer. This will help us improve our consistency!
 - No Prayer All Week – Makes One Weak!
 - **Luke 11:9** "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."
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● **Pray Watchfully**

- **Colossians 4:2b** "Devote yourselves to prayer, **keeping alert in it** with *an attitude of thanksgiving*"
 - Keeping alert means to keep a watchful look on what is going on.
 - NOTE: While we are praying, we should be carefully observing and attentive!
 - Being watchful also means that we are keeping our eyes and ears open for things so we can pray often and accurately.
 - As people and situations come to our minds, we should immediately pray.
 - **Philippians 1:3** "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you,"
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● **Pray Thankfully**

- **Colossians 4:2c** "Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it **with an attitude of thanksgiving**"
- **We should always include thanksgiving in our prayers.**
- **Philippians 4:6a** "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."

- **Pray Specifically**

- **Colossians 4:3** “praying at the same time for us as well, **that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ,** for which I have also been imprisoned;”
 - **James 4:2c** “You lust and do not have; so you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel. **You do not have because you do not ask.**”
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- **Pray Faithfully**

- **Hebrews 11:6** “**And without faith it is impossible to please *Him*,** for he who comes to God must believe that He is and *that* He is a rewarder of those who seek Him”
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- **Improve Communication with People**

- **Communication is so important among people of every age.**
- **Misunderstandings & arguments can be avoided if we are mature enough to have open communication.**
- **Words can do two extremes:**
 1. **Words can hurt or they can encourage**
 2. **Words can teach or words can teardown**
 3. **NOTE: Words are powerful!**

- **Let my words be acceptable to God**

- **Psalms 19:14** “Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my rock and my Redeemer”
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- **Let my words be righteous**

- **Psalms 37:30** “The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, And his tongue speaks justice”
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- **Let my words be good**

- **Proverbs 12:25** “Anxiety in a man’s heart weighs it down, But a good word makes it glad”

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- **Let my words build up**
 - **Ephesians 4:29** “Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such *a word* as is good for edification according to the need *of the moment*, so that it will give grace to those who hear.”
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