

Growing Up in Prayer

“Lord, teach us to pray....” Luke 11:1

THE POINT: Every child of God needs to grow up in prayer as part of their _____.

Note four descriptions of prayer that reflect four stages of development

1. Prayer is a C _____ - Romans 8:15
2. Prayer is a C _____ - Galatians 4:6
3. Prayer is a C _____ - I Thessalonians 5:17
4. Prayer is a C _____ - Genesis 5:24

Questions for personal reflection & small group study:

RESPONSE (Be “doers” of the Word and not hearers only – James 1:22)

1. When do you remember ‘crying’ out to God in prayer?
2. What is the difference between ‘crying’ out to God and ‘calling’ on Him?
3. What makes ‘conversing with God’ challenging? Why is it a rather rare stage of development in the Christian life?
4. How do you know when you are experiencing ‘communion’ with God? How would you describe this stage to a friend?

There is always a place for each stage of prayer in our relationship with God...in many ways we never outgrow our need for the cry and the call, but as we mature prayer should be marked more by

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our conversation and communion with God. Where/how do we learn to do this? How do we help another person experience this?

From TRUTH through TRACTION to TRANSFORMATION:

What did God say to you today?

What will you do about it?

With whom will you share this...and when?

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