

**Core Seminars – Christian Living**  
**Discipling**  
*Week 7 – January 19, 2003*

**Encouraging Biblical Prayer!**

**Introduction:**

**What are some of the key things that we can share with our discipling friend that will lead them to glorify God?**

- **Prayer in Discipling**
  - Encourage prayer through modeling (Luke 11:1)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - Encourage prayer through instruction (Luke 11:2)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - A Call to Spiritual Reformation , Don Carson, IVP.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- **Helping others to pray regularly and faithfully**
  - Plan to pray
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - Ways to avoid mental drift

- Pray with another Christian
- Keep track of prayers and answers
- Pray until you pray

· **Overcoming excuses for prayerlessness**

- I'm too busy to pray (Luke 10:38-42)
- I'm too spiritually dry to pray (Luke 18:2-8)
- I feel no need to pray (Joshua 9)
- I'm too bitter to pray (Matt. 6:14-15; Mark 11:25)
- I'm too ashamed to pray (Heb. 4:13)
- God doesn't seem to answer when I pray

· **Encouraging other to pray effectively**

*Effective prayer is the fruit of a relationship with God, not a technique for acquiring blessings. (A Call to Spiritual Reformation, Carson, p.33)*

- Effective prayer accords with God's will (1 John 5:14-15)
- Scripture is the source of God's revealed will

- Check your motives regularly (James 4:3)
- Trust the Spirit for help (Romans 8:26-27)

· **Understanding how God responds to prayer**

- Learn the priorities of Biblical prayers in order to pray according to His will (i.e. I Thes. 3: 11 – 13)
- The Goodness of God, our foundation for prayer
- God's answers: yes, wait, or no

· **Prayer is given to the church so that we will get the help that we need in a way that reserves for God all the glory He deserves.**

· **Encouraging a life of Biblical prayer may be one of the best gifts we can give to a Christian friend that we love.**

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**Next Week? Encouraging others using Christian books?**