

Keep in Touch

“Who is he who condemns? Is it Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.” – Romans 8:34

When it comes to prayer, we can get hung up on strange things. Maybe it's on the structure of a prayer or the verbiage we use. Maybe it's the posture and whether we need to close our eyes or be on our knees. We can become fixated on those things and miss the big picture of prayer.

Prayer is communication with God. When we pray, God is looking at our hearts more than anything else. That is His primary concern when we come before Him. We may think God doesn't know what is going on and that we have to bring Him up to speed, but prayer is not informing God; prayer is inviting God. Jesus said, “For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him” (Matthew 6:8).

Prayer is really like the relationship of a father and child. The value of prayer is that it keeps us in touch with God. And God wants to stay in touch with us. Sometimes people will ask me to pray for them, and I try to do it there on the spot, because sometimes I'll forget afterward. So I'll say, “Let's pray right now.” It's good to ask others to pray for you, especially if you have a problem, a challenge, or a need. We're even encouraged to pray with each other. There is power in unified prayer. We need to pray about everything, and we should pray for one another. But even if we forget, Jesus Christ Himself is interceding and praying for us and that is no small thing.

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