

Intercessory Prayer - Week One

Intimacy with God

A growing, intimate, loved-filled relationship with God is the heart of intercessory prayer.

Scriptures for Reflection:

Genesis 5:22-24 (NIV) ²² And after he became the father of Methuselah, Enoch walked with God 300 years and had other sons and daughters. ²³ Altogether, Enoch lived 365 years. ²⁴ Enoch walked with God; then he was no more, because God took him away.

Acts 13:22 (NIV) After removing Saul, he made David their king. He testified concerning him: 'I have found David son of Jesse a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.'

John 15:4-5 (NKJV) ⁴ Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. ⁵ "I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

1 Corinthians 13:1-2 (NIV) ¹ If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

Matthew 22:37-40 (NIV) ³⁷ Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Amos 3:17 (NIV) Surely the Sovereign Lord does nothing
without revealing his plan
to his servants the prophets.

Romans 15:30 (NIV) I urge you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me.

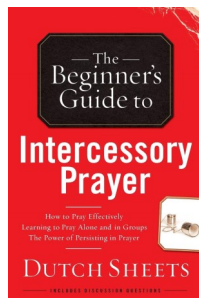
1 John 4:19 (NIV) We love because he first loved us.

Thoughts on Intimacy with God:

- Intercession is typically “caught not taught.”
- Intimacy is prime.
- This type of closeness with the Lord requires: vulnerability, weakness, a willingness to “waste time,” a willingness to be formed, trust, child-like expectation, and love.
- Intercession is not primarily about getting stuff done. It is primarily about being with Him.
- We cannot judge ourselves on other people’s prayer lives.
- We can expect “two-way communication.”
- We can view life in two ways; everything is a miracle or nothing is a miracle.
- God really does love us.
- Sometimes the Lord shows us things simply to share with us what He is doing (Amos 3:17).

Assignment for the Week:

Spend time “soaking” or simply being before the Lord without a goal or plan. You may want to play some worship music. Allow the Lord to minister to you and be open if He wants to share something with you.



Recommended Reading

The Beginner's Guide to Intercessory Prayer
by Dutch Sheets



Recommended Video

Dutch Sheets - An Appeal To Heaven
Victory Worship Center
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