

Main Bible Verse:

(Matthew 7:7-11) "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will you give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!"

Summary:

1. Coming to church is a date with God. Stop coming to church is stopping the blessings of God. Stop praying is stop being empowered by God. At the same time, lost the help God is giving you.
2. Prayer is something special God has blessed all the Christians with, the method we communicate with God. Without the correct prayers, we will not be able to face life with the correct attitude. Without the life of prayers, we will not be able to become a vessel of God. Without a personal time of prayers, we will not be empowered, not have the ability to pray for others, and not be able to take up kingdom commissions when it comes.
3. Prayer is a part of each Christian's life, the foundation of a Christian family. Do not take our prayer lightly for it is how we experience the presence of God. We do not always need the ministers to pray for our needs and problems. God loves to listen to our prayers.
4. How could we have our prayers listened and let the promise of God be in our work and our family? Why do many Christians feel their prayers are not listened and is in lack of power? We should ask ourselves if we truly believed in the promise in the scriptures? Without believing in the word of God, we will have a hard time believing that God will listen to our prayers. We will also be in denial that God will bless our prayers.
5. Let us learn how to pray through the Lord's Prayers:
 - a. The one we pray to: Our Father in heaven. (Matthew 6:9)
 - We must truly understand who we are praying to. When we wholeheartedly believe that God is our help, we will be able to pray faithfully. (Matthew 16:13-16)
 - Our Father in heaven is the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were. He is the God who created heaven and earth and His kingdom rules over all. Every knee should bow to Him in heaven and on earth and under the earth. Doubting our heavenly Father would be the most lethal mistake in our lives, for when we are in doubt, we will not be able to receive anything from the Lord. (Romans 4:17/Isaiah 44:24/Philippians 2:10/James 1:6-7)
 - b. Restore the relationship with God
 - How do we know if we have a solid relationship with God?
 - Do we have the eagerness to read the bible daily, to praise and worship daily, and to pray daily? Do we truly believe the salvation of Jesus through the cross could redeem us from our sins? Do we know what sin is? Do we know the impact of sin on our relationship with God, that our iniquities have separated us from God? (Isaiah 59:1-2)
 - When Adam and Eve sinned against God, they had to depart from the Garden of Eden. Sin affected their relationship with God and blocked the blessings God has prepared for them.
 - When our mind departed from God, when we begin to criticize others, when we stop reading God's word, these are us sinning against God. David knew how hidden sins could affect his relationship with God, so he frequently prayed and ask for God's help. (Psalms 19:12/Psalms 139:23-24)

c. Return and Repent is a must (1 John 1:9)

- You might question about how much are we supposed to repent or doesn't being baptized already solved the problem of sins. Just like how we must take a shower daily to get rid of all the dirt we got on ourselves throughout the day, we must also let the word of God cleanse us daily from all the pollutions our hearts are exposed to in our daily lives. Let the Holy Spirit fill us daily and keep us from sins. (2 Chronicles 7:13-14)

6. Three steps to return before God

a. Humble ourselves and pray

- When we know that we have sinned against God, we will humble before Him.
- When we stopped attending church meetings, we will be in lack of God's anointing and will no longer be keen to sins. We might not realize that we are being envious or frequently criticizing about others. We might think that sin is still far from us and not realizing that we truly should humble ourselves and pray before God to depart from our sins.

b. Seek God's face

- (Hebrews 4:14) When we realize that it is our own sin that is burdening us and filling our lives with tears, we would come before God with broken and contrite heart. That is when sins and curses truly departed from us, our sins are truly pardoned, and we are allowing God to be our ever-present help. (1 John 5:14)

c. Turn our wicked ways

- We must transform: Change our ways – Jesus is our way.
- In all that we do, we will live by the word of God.

7. Ask, Seek Knock

- This is a sequence of actions. All these three words are action words, which means we must take action, act upon God's word.
- Knowing is not the same as acting. In order to receive, we must act. We all have read the scriptures and we all are familiar with God's word. But it is acting upon God's word that leads us to God's blessings. Let us not loose heart and act upon God's word continually.
- Our prayers must mature. We must pray in faith and let our prayers endure the trial of time.

8. We must pray in boldness and pour out our soul to the Lord. This is how King Hezekiah prayed and God has blessed him with additional fifteen years of life. (2 Kings 20:1-5)

9. In order for our prayers to be listened, we must keep watch of the words coming out of our lips. (James 3:10-11/Proverbs 18:21)

10. (Luke 6:37-38) We are responsible for how and when we could receive our blessings. The Lord's Prayer taught us, how we treat others is how God is going to pardon us, set us free, and bless us. (Matthew 6:14-15)

Conclusion:

(Philippians 4:6-7) Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

- There is nothing too big or too small for God. As long as we look up to God and trust in Him wholeheartedly, we will receive the peace of God. God will bless us with all that no eyes has seen, and no ear has heard.