

## Prayer Definition: What is Prayer ?

### STUDY SUMMARY



We are going to use a phrase, which is a theme, called “productive prayer”. Our goal is to learn principles which create habits that yield fruit (produce – seed bearing). In many cases our prayer lives have been dry rituals (religious) or selfish activities which lack power and purpose. As with many other Christian words, we need to define prayer. We have to know what it is to do it properly. The one thing a Christian has to learn, in order for anything else to flourish, is to pray without it, the Christian has nothing. The objective is for us to experience the power of the lord, both in the fellowship of his sufferings and the power of his resurrection (Philippians 3:10).

### PASSAGE FOR EXAMINATION

*Principles apply to all passages we will discuss concerning prayer.*

### THOUGHTS, STUDY, DISCUSSION AND COMMENTARY

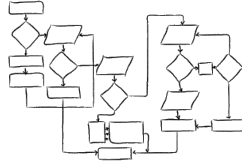
Let us examine the 5 C’s defining prayer. Prayer is:

1. **Conversation** – a talk or informal exchange of ideas and thoughts
2. **Communication** – a process by which information is exchanged
3. **Communion** – a sharing of intimate thoughts, feelings on a mental/spiritual level
4. **Confession** – a statement of admission or statement setting out essential doctrine
5. **Connection** – relationship in which a person is linked or associated

We can use these five basic C’s to define what prayer is and how to do it in the most productive

### PRINCIPLES FROM THE PASSAGE -N/A

## ILLUSTRATION AND APPLICATION

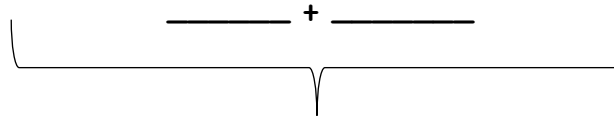


### 1. In Marriage and Single ministry, we study five Levels of communication

- a. Level 1
- b. Level 2
- c. Level 3
- d. Level 4
- e. Level 5

Give an example of each type of communication in your prayer time with God.

Notice the word Communion is made up of 2 basic words



When we take Communion, there must be an environment. These two words put us in mind of an environment. How would describe it ?

Connection implies making some kind of contact. One of principle objectives in worship is to connect with God and encounter His presence. Sin separated us from His presence and prayer (a form of worship) restores this connection. What can each of us do in a worship service that helps us connect with God personally ?

### 2. YOUR PRAYER:

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