

RESPONSIBLE FOR MY SPIRITUAL GROWTH

PART 1: CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD

Take the time and trouble to keep yourself spiritually fit." 1 Timothy 4:7 (Ph)

GNG VALUE NO.3

The Goal: Each member developing Christ-like _____,

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FIVE TRUTHS ABOUT PRAYER

"One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When He finished, one of His disciples said to Him, 'Lord, teach us to pray'" Luke 11:1 (NIV)

1. I CAN _____ TO PRAY.

"And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him." Matthew 6:5-8 (NIV)

2. GOD WANTS _____.

"For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and His ears are attentive to their prayer ..." 1 Peter 3:12 (NIV)

3. TO PRAY IS TO _____ WHAT'S _____

"... the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groaning that cannot be expressed in words. And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's will." Romans 8:26-27 (NLT)

4. TO PRAY IS TO _____.

"You do not have because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures."

James 4:2-3 (NIV)

"Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from Him anything we ask, because we obey His commands and do what pleases Him."

I John 3:21-22 (NIV)

5. MY _____ HAVE AN _____.

"When a believing person prays, great things happen."

James 5:16 (NCV)