

WHAT PRAYER IS!

1. Prayer is a privilege and duty.
2. Prayer is the utterance of faith.
3. Prayerlessness is proof of unbelief.

THE TEACHING OF JESUS ON PRAYER.

1. When thou hast entered into thy closet; and, when thou has shut the door. Matt. 6:6
 1. Private devotions are meant.
 2. Jesus' teaching does not forbid or prohibit prayers in public assembly.
2. Shutting the door. Many things proprthe door open until midnight or sometimes always.
 1. Things that proprthe door open:
 1. Daily duties.
 2. Economic burdens.
 3. Social maladjustments.
 4. Mental perplexities.
 5. Physical exhasution.
3. The story of the old man who prayed at midnight. Why so late? It took that long to close the door.

THE IMPORTUANTE PRAYER OF OUR LESSON.

1. Characters Involved. *unjust, heartless, godless*
 1. The unjust judge, who according to his own admission. feared not God nor regarded man. Luke 18:4
 2. The widow, who was not afraid to press for her wish. Luke 1:1

EXAMPLES OF IMPORTUNATE PRAYER.

1. Jacob wrestled with the angel until he granted his request for a blessing. Gen.32:26-29
2. The followers of Jesus tarried in Jerusalem until the Pentecostal fire descended upon them. Acts 2. (Luke 22:44)
3. Jesus prayed until his sweat turned to blood
4. Paul prayed "thrice" for removal of the "thorn in the flesh." 2 Cor. 12:7-10

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