

**Thirty-Fourth Street Church of God
3000 North 34th Street
Tampa, Florida 33605**

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study
Bishop Thomas Scott, Senior Pastor**



“Speak To Your Mountain”

**Wednesday in the Word
January 19, 2022**

2022 Focus: GOD F.I.R.S.T.

WHAT IS PRAYER ALL ABOUT

- Prayer is the most central discipline because it ushers us into perpetual communion with God.
- Prayer brings us into the deepest and highest work of the human spirit.
- Prayer is at the root of all personal godliness. ~William Carey
- Prayer involves us “rightly” asking. **James 4:3**
- God does nothing but in answer to prayer. ~John Wesley
- Prayer is to religion what original research is to science. ~P.T. Forsythe

Mark 11:22–25 (NLT)

²² Then Jesus said to the disciples, “Have faith in God. ²³ I tell you the truth, you can say to this mountain, ‘May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,’ and it will happen. But you must really believe it will happen and have no doubt in your heart. ²⁴ I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you’ve received it, it will be yours. ²⁵ But when you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins, too.”

I. Prayer Is A _____.

A. As a person of faith you have more _____ than you realize.

- The means by which you remove mountains and overcome them is found on your _____.
- Prayer is a mighty and miraculous force in our lives.

B. _____ is the greatest power known to people and available to people.

- By prayer we _____ God and we solve problems.
- When you pray people change.
- When you pray the situation change.

II. Prayer Is Connected to _____.

Matthew 7:7–8 (NIV)

⁷ “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

A. _____ is needed in prayer.

- Ask and keep on _____ until it’s given.

- Knock and keep on _____ until the door comes open.
- Seek and keep on _____ until you find what you are seeking.

If you want to receive, you must ask; if you want to find, you must seek; and if you want entrance, you must knock.

B. A _____ of the child of God is to get your prayers answered.

- To experience the force of prayer you got to have faith in God as you pray.
- You need to have _____ in God to answer your prayers.

Jeremiah 33:3 (NIV)

³ ‘Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.’

Prayer is an essential component of life with God and _____ is needed in prayer. In other words, don’t give up, hang in there and keep on praying in faith.

III. Prayer Requires _____.

Mark 11:25 (NLT)

²⁵ But when you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins, too.”

Mark 11:25–26 (NKJV)

²⁵ “And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. ²⁶ But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.”

- A. The lack of forgiveness is probably the single, greatest _____ to prayer.
 - B. When you pray you need to deal with this issue of _____.
- There is forgiveness given by us.
 - There is forgiveness that is to be received by us.

Apply It!

Have you ever spent time praying for something and nothing seems to happen?

Do you ever struggle with the apparent silence of God to some of your requests?

Do you ever just give up praying for something because God just doesn’t seem to be answering?

