

## Keep The Supply Line Open! Ephesians 6:18-20

What exactly is prayer?

- Is it only an escape from stress, fear, or a safety valve from anxiety and danger?
- Is it a healing of a wounded spirit or the removal of a guilty conscience?
- Is it a waste of time or a valuable weapon to combat sin, fear, sickness and the devil?

Genuine prayer is...

- More than asking for safety.
- A holy conversation with God.
- Should be a time of thanksgiving, worship, praise, and petition.  
Philippians 4:6-7  
I Thessalonians 5:16  
I Peter 5:7

Why is prayer necessary?

- It calls upon the only One who can bring about change in our lives.
- It keeps our relationship current. I John 1:9
- It gives us the blessed assurance.
- It moves us from the predicament to the promised provision. James 5:13-18  
- The Holy Spirit helps us to pray. Romans 8:26-27
- It puts us in the presence of our Heavenly Father. Hebrews 4:14-16; Ps. 18:30

Examples of prayer...

- Paul and Silas. Acts 16:16-34
- Jonah. Jonah 2
- Hannah. I Samuel 1:27

What is the place of prayer in your life?

Ephesians 6:19-20; Philemon 4-7; II Thessalonians 3:1-2

