

Pastor's Weekly Devotional- July 31th, 2014

"Heart-Felt Prayer"

It is so easy to let our prayers become routine and repetitious. We need to remember that God listens more closely to our hearts than the phrases of our lips. The Lord Jesus cautioned us about this:

"When you pray, do not use vain repetitions...For Your Heavenly Father knows what things you have need of before you ask Him" (Matthew 6:7, 8).

Many people pray using different postures. Some lift their hands to pray or prostrate themselves on the ground. Others stand, kneel, pray loudly, or silently. Some read their prayers while others pray extemporaneously. All of this is correct and biblical; but what is more important than posture or eloquence is the attitude of the heart. **Our prayers must come from our hearts for God to hear them.**

Our prayers must also come from a believing heart. The Bible says: "Let him/her ask in faith, not wavering." Otherwise, "let no one think that he or she shall receive anything from the Lord" (James 1: 6, 7). Remember, that it is through the medium of prayer that we communicate as well as commune with God.

Here's some encouragement from God's Word for you to pray:

- "Call on the Lord with a pure heart" (2 Timothy 2:22).
- "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith (in God)" (Hebrews 10: 22).
- "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous person avails much." (James 5:16).

You learn to pray by praying. JUST PRAY! TALK TO GOD! God is waiting to hear from you.

Have a blessed week!

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