

Psalm 119:97

Be Successful In Your Ministry 2023 Metropolitan Baptist Church Weekly Bible Study Elder Gregory Johnson, Sr./Pastor/Teacher Study Text: John 14:12-15 Study Subject: Talking To God/Prayer4 Date: 2/1/2023

## **Open It**

- I. Prayer must always be made to God. Matthew 6:5. There is a tendency we all have to pray to ourselves or others instead of to God. Jesus is warning us not to be like those who do this. Prayer must always be made to God.
- II. Here is a question for us to consider; do my prayers bring me into the presence of God? When I pray, am I really thinking far more of my friends, my busy schedule or what am I asking for than I am of the great God I am approaching? It has been said that, "we should never, utter one syllable of prayer either in public or in private until we are actually praying to Him". Let us examine this statement: I must learn to give God me in prayer.
- III. Prayer relates to personal spiritual growth. As the soul grows, the prayer life deepens. Let us examine 1 Corinthians 13:11. What can this teach us about how we pray?

## **Explore It**

- I. A look At Two Acronyms for Prayer
- a. PUSH: P(pray) U(until) S(something) H(happens)
- b. ACTS: (A) stands for adoration= a deep love and respect (C) for confession= admit to your wrong (T) for thanksgiving= in all things give thanks (S) supplication= the act of asking for something earnestly or humbly.
- c. Can you see yourself using these <u>acronyms</u> in your prayer life? If so how?
- d. Read Luke 11:1-4. Do you see either of these <u>acronyms</u> at work in this model prayer? If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_\_