



Be Successful In Your Ministry 2023
Metropolitan Baptist Church
Weekly Bible Study
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Study Text: John 14:12-15
Study Subject: Talking To God/Prayer
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Psalm 119:97

Open It

- I. Through bible study and other means God speaks to us. By prayer we speak to God. All of these avenues are necessary in developing a personal relationship with God. Prayer is more than a conversation. It is a privilege.
- II. The children of God have been given an **invitation to pray. Luke 18:1-8**. What is the Lord telling us in this parable? _____

- III. To be effective pray-ers, we need to be effective lovers. **John 13:34,35: Matthew 22:35-40**. If we truly want to become powerful in our prayers, love must be the linchpin.

Explore It

- I. **Christ's Promise Concerning Your Prayers John 14:12-14**
 - a. **V.12:** The power is with the believers. Therefore, the church is design to do a great work with the power given to it. With this being the case, why does it appear that we have no power? _____

- b. Verses 13,14:** In their hour of loss at the departure of Jesus, He comforted them with the means that would provide them with the necessary resources to accomplish their task. **Matthew 28:19,20.** How can we carry out this task if we do not have a firm grip on our understanding of **prayer?**
- c. To ask in Jesus' name does not mean to thoughtlessly attach His name at the end of your prayers.**
- d. Prying in His name:**
- 1. The believer's prayer should be for His purposes and kingdom, not selfish reasons. What does this mean? _____**
 - 2. The believer's prayer should be on the basis of His merits and not on any personal merit or worthiness. What does this mean? _____**
 - 3. The believer's prayer should be in pursuit of His glory alone. What does mean? _____**
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