

“The Privilege and Calling of Prayer”

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Prayer must be the foundational fuel – or _____ –
that drives what we do as individuals & as a church

1-From the human perspective...

PRAYER admits our _____ – as it is the most genuine expression of dependence on God that a believer can demonstrate

Cf. Exodus 33:15 – “If Your _____ does not go with us, do not send us up from here!”

Cf. John 15:5 – “Apart from Me you can do _____!”

Tim Keller: “Failure to pray is a failure to treat _____ as _____.”

2-From the divine perspective...

PRAYER _____ the power of God to accomplish the _____ – God has established prayer as the means by which we receive His supernatural help to do the humanly impossible.

Cf. Gideon and the Mideonites in Judges 7:2

God delights in receiving the _____ that is due Him

Cf. Deuteronomy 8:17; 2 Corinthians 1:9-11; Ephesians 3:20

Isaiah 42:8 – “I will not give My _____ to another...”

What are you praying for that will only happen if God does it?

3-Therefore, we cannot be less than “_____ to prayer” –
it is our privilege and calling – Romans 12:12 – “be constant in prayer” (ESV) / “devoted to prayer (NIV)

“Prayer is as natural an expression of faith as _____ is of life.”

~ Jonathan Edwards