

The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – August 22-27
**“The Old Testament Teaches Us That If We Humble Ourselves And Pray,
God Will Hear From Heaven And Heal Our Land. And The New Testament Assures
Us That The Fervent Prayer Of Men Can Make A Difference.” David Jeremiah.**

MONDAY: Psalm 96:8, 9; John 1:1-9; Matthew 6:5; Matthew 15:7-9

KEY VERSE: Matthew 6:5

OBSERVATION: One of the most important acts of worship is sincere prayer. In prayer we make certain assumptions: **1.** There is a God. **2.** That we need God. **3.** That God hears prayer. **4.** That God answers prayer. **5.** That God loves man. Define what **sincere prayer** means to you. How do you utilize prayer in your life?

TUESDAY: Luke 18:10-14; James 4:6-10; Proverbs 29:23

KEY VERSE: Luke 18:14

OBSERVATION: Humility is another important ingredient involving sincere prayer. “*This is the spirit of prayer – sincere, humble, believing and submissive. Other than this the Bible does not require – God will not accept.*” Gardiner Spring. Some people define humility as the absence of pride. They get it backwards, because they don't understand that **humility** is the **positive** and **pride** is the **negative**.

WEDNESDAY: James 5:17-18; Colossians 4:12

KEY VERSE: Colossians 4:12

OBSERVATION: We must be fervent and intense in our prayer life. “Fervently” comes from the Greek word “AGONIZOMAI”. This is where we get our English word agony and agonize. Thus we are to have zeal and intensity in our prayer life. On a scale of 1 to 10 how would you rate the intensity of your prayer life?

THURSDAY: Luke 11:5-8; Luke 18:1-8

KEY VERSE: Luke 11:8

OBSERVATION: Persistence is also a key to a successful prayer life. “*We can do nothing without prayer. All things can be done with importunate prayer. It surmounts or removes all obstacles, overcomes every resisting forces and gains its ends in the face of invisible hindrances.*” E.M. Bounds What role does “persistence” have in your life and in your relationship with the Lord? Are you **“consistent”** with your **“persistence”**?

FRIDAY: Mark 13:33; 14:38; Luke 21:36; I Peter 5:8-9

KEY VERSE: I Peter 5:8-9

OBSERVATION: **Watchfulness** and prayer go hand in hand and must not be separated. To be watchful means to be constantly alert to the need of prayer in our lives. Surely, concerning the devil, demands that we be alert at all times and are ready to pray at all times.

SATURDAY: Proverbs 15:29; I John 3:21-22; John 15:7

KEY VERSE: Proverbs 15:29

OBSERVATION: Prayer is not a substitute for the responsibility to serve God, but reinforcement for our endeavors. We must understand that when we are obedient that God doesn't owe us an answer to our prayers – we receive God's answers by grace. By the same token – we must be obedient if we want our prayers to be answered. In your opinion how do prayer and obedience work together in your relationship to the Lord?