

SOUL SHAPING
CONFORMING TO THE IMAGE OF CHRIST
“Moving Toward Intimacy With God”
Acts 12:1-19 (Pew Bible Page 780)

Vending Machine God put a prayer in, get your request out.

Intimacy with God is a personal love relationship with God in which we enjoy His presence and seek a deeper knowledge of His character, His will and His ways.

Letting God Shape Your Soul Through Prayer

God Always Answers Prayer...

* Sometimes . . . **YES** Matthew 7:7

* Sometimes . . . **NO** James 4:3

* Sometimes . . . **WAIT** John 11:21

2 Corinthians 12:8-9

We Sometimes Think of Prayer as...

Matthew 7:7 **ASK** **SEEK** **KNOCK**

Matthew 6:9-13 **ADORE** **CONFESS** **THANK** **SEEK**

Intimacy with God could change if prayer was...

Not first and only about asking from God's **HAND**

But, first seeking to know God's **HEART**

GOD SHAPES OUR SOULS TOWARD INTIMACY

1. Through **HEARTFELT** Prayer

“As the deer pants for the streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?” Psalm 42:1-2

Psalm 88:1-6

2. Through MEDITATION

"Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the Law of the LORD, and on His Law he meditates day and night." Psalm 1:1-2

We call negative meditation WORRY

"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you" Psalm 119:11

3. Through celebrating God's PRESENCE

Psalm 139

You praise Him because you believe His PROMISES

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose" Romans 8:28

"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives" Genesis 50:20

"...God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.'" Hebrew 13:5

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:4-7

Jesus' Prayer for You

"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you."

John 17:20-21
