

## **The Wisdom of Prayer**

Text: **James 1:5** (NIV)

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### **Introduction**

A. January is our “Month of *Personal* Commitment” to the spiritual disciplines

B. Today we consider the spiritual discipline of prayer.

C. Lots of opportunities to grow in prayer at CCC:

D. Prayer is indispensable to the Christian life

1) Prayer is the way we talk with God and He talks with us (Jer. 33:3)

2) Prayer is the way the sinner gets saved (Luke 18:13)

3) Prayer is the way we set the captives free (Mark 9:29)

4) Prayer is the way we defeat the devil (Luke 22:32)

5) Prayer is the way we acquire wisdom (Jam. 1:5)

6) Prayer is the way the backslider gets restored (Jam. 5:16-20)

7) Prayer is the way we strengthen ourselves in spirit (Matt. 26:41; 1 Cor. 14:4; Jude 20)

8) Prayer is the way we see the sick get healed (Jam. 5:14-15)

9) Prayer is the way we see God meet our needs (Matt. 7:7-8; Phil. 4:6, 19)

10) Prayer is the way we get laborers out into the mission fields (Matt. 9:38)

E. The wisdom of prayer is that it provides us with opportunity....

**Jam. 1:5**

I. **Prayer is Our Opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ with God**

**Jer. 33:3**

**Gen. 3:8-9**

**Psa. 4:3**

**Psa. 17:6**

**Psa. 18:3**

**Psa. 86:7**

**Psa. 91:15**

**Psa. 145:18-19**

**Matt. 6:11**

**Matt. 6:10**

**Jam. 1:5**

**1 John 5:14-15**

**II. Prayer is Our Opportunity to Experience with God** 1 Thess. 5:17  
Phil. 3:10-11, NLT  
James 4:8a  
Deut. 4:7  
Matt. 11:28  
Luke 10:38-42  
Jer. 30:21d  
Isa. 40:31, KJV  
1 Cor. 14:4  
Jude 20  
Psa. 27:4, LB

**III. Prayer is Our Opportunity to Receive from God** 1 John 1:9  
John 3:16  
Gen. 3:9  
Psa. 32:3-5  
Psa. 66:18-20

**Conclusion** Rom. 10:9-10

Additional reading available at [Christianbook.com](http://Christianbook.com)

*A Praying Life: Connecting with God in a Distracting World* by Paul Miller

*The Complete Works of E.M. Bounds on Prayer* by E.M. Bounds