

The Struggle of Prayer Intro

Overview:

This is not so much a sermon on struggling *to* pray, as the actual struggle *in* prayer. Many handy hints have been made from the pulpit over the years about how to make prayer easier, how to arrange prayer points and the best times of the day or settings to pray.

1. What is prayer?

- Primitive or Tribal Prayer
- Ritual Prayer

2 Chronicles 6:12-17

Psalms 145:15

Prayer is the renunciation of human means... a stripping bare, the abandonment of all human apparatus, in order to put myself in the hands of the Lord"Jacques Ellul

2. Glimpses into Jesus' prayer life (*Luke 11: 1-4*)

3. Why we don't pray (*Luke 11: 5-11*)

4. What prayer isn't (*Matthew 6: 5-13*)

5. Prayer as 'struggle' (*Colossians 4:10-13*)