

**The Lego Christian**  
**A Study in Colossians**  
4<sup>th</sup> Week of September

The Brick Of Prayer

We have looked at faithfulness as one of the building bricks of our faith. The second one is the Brick of Prayer. In our materialistic culture we have devalued prayer so that it has become a spiritual ATM. If I use the right words or have enough faith God has to give me what I want. Is prayer about getting what we want from God or is it about praying for what God wants. The apostle Paul gives us some clue of what prayer should look like.

I...How Often

Read Colossians 1:3-4 & 1:9-12. As you read these verses list the word or words that indicate the frequency of prayer.

1... \_\_\_\_\_

2... \_\_\_\_\_

3... \_\_\_\_\_

Look up these passages and list the words that reveal how often Paul prayed.

Ephesians 1:16 \_\_\_\_\_

Ephesians 6:18 \_\_\_\_\_

Philippians 4:16 \_\_\_\_\_

Colossians 4:12 \_\_\_\_\_

II Timothy 1:3 \_\_\_\_\_

I Thessalonians 5:16 \_\_\_\_\_

Questions for Thought:

1...Do I pray only when I need something?

2...Do I pray only when I am in trouble?

3...Are my prayers limited to just the worship service on Sundays?

II...What Did Paul Pray For?

Read the passages listed and indicate what was the content of Paul's prayer.

Romans 1:10 \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 10:1 \_\_\_\_\_

Philippians 1:9-10 \_\_\_\_\_

In Colossians 1:9-12 what 9 things did Paul pray for that would happen in the lives of the Colossians.

- 1... \_\_\_\_\_
- 2... \_\_\_\_\_
- 3... \_\_\_\_\_
- 4... \_\_\_\_\_
- 5... \_\_\_\_\_
- 6... \_\_\_\_\_
- 7... \_\_\_\_\_
- 8... \_\_\_\_\_
- 9... \_\_\_\_\_

Questions for Thought:

- 1...Do I pray for others only when they face sickness and trouble?
- 2...Do I pray for the spiritual growth of other believers?
- 3...Do I pray for spiritual growth in my own life?

### III...Types Of Prayer

4 types of prayer and their meaning.

- 1...Intercession...a prayer to God on behalf of another person
- 2...Adoration...the worship given to God only...to be in awe of God
- 3...Thanksgiving...verbal appreciation for what God has done or provided
- 4...Confession...an admission of sin with the outcome of being forgiven

Read these passages and put the type of prayer from the above list in the blank the verse describes.

Daniel 4:34 \_\_\_\_\_

I John 1:9 \_\_\_\_\_

Philippians 4:6 \_\_\_\_\_

James 5:15 \_\_\_\_\_

We limit our prayer life and limit God when we only pray our own personal needs. We also limit God's blessing in our life when we only pray in times of trouble.

Expanding our prayer life beyond our own needs is not that difficult. Let me give you four simple suggestions avoid limiting your prayers to just yourself.

1...Whenever you find yourself out in the God's creation enjoying the view. Take a moment and thank God for who he is and give thanks for the creation that you are seeing.

2...From my own life whenever I hear a police, fire or ambulance siren I stop and ask God to be with those who are rushing to the emergency and the people they will be helping.

3...During your day as you hear what other people are going through it is a wonderful opportunity to add them to your prayers.

4...As you sin in church on Sunday mornings for worship look around at the people worshipping with you. Ask God to open their hearts and minds to the Holy Spirit's leading that they may grow. It is probably a good idea to include yourself in that type of prayer too.