

Growing in the Grace and Knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ... (2 Peter 3:18)

Chapter 4 – Prayer

What is the most important subject in practical religion? In your own words, why?

Ryle offers up seven reasons to pray:

- 1) Prayer is absolutely needful to salvation –**
 - a. What is the relationship between salvation and prayer?

 - b. We must _____ on earth or we will never _____ in Heaven.

 - c. What is it to be without prayer?

- 2) A habit of prayer is one of the surest marks of a true Christian –**
 - a. What do all true Christians have in common?

 - b. What may a man have without prayer and what does this make him?

- 3) There is no duty in religion so neglected as private prayer –**
 - a. Is it natural to pray?

 - b. Is it fashionable to pray?

 - c. What does open, continual sin tell us about a person's prayer life?

- 4) Prayer is the act in religion which receives the most encouragement –**
 - a. How are each of these an encouragement to PRAYER?
 - The Name of Jesus

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- The advocacy of Jesus

- The Holy Spirit

- God's promises

- Examples in Scripture

5) Diligence in prayer is the secret to eminent holiness –

a. How does Ryle describe a Christian who:

- Does not pray (much)

- PRAYS a lot!

- Is there a great difference?

6) Neglect of prayer is a great cause of backsliding

a. It is a miserable thing to be a _____. (p. 78)

b. According to Ryle, what kind of things are to be done with prayer? (p. 79)

7) Prayer is one of the best receipts for happiness and content.

a. What are some of the things Ryle tells us, or we just know militate against happiness and contentment in this world?

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- b. What does the Bible tell us about prayer and happiness?
- c. What song / hymn does this section remind you of?
- d. What four excuses does Ryle say people have for not praying? Why are each of them no good? (p. 83)
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.
- e. What advice does Ryle give to the unsaved (or those unsure of salvation)?
- f. Comment on Ryle's advice to those who do pray:
 1. The importance of _____ and _____
 2. The importance of praying _____
 3. Making prayer a regular _____ of life
 4. The importance of _____ in prayer
 5. The importance of _____ in prayer
 6. The importance of praying with _____



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7. The importance of _____ in prayer
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10. The importance of _____ in prayer
11. The importance of _____ in prayer
12. The importance of _____ in prayer