

Colossians 5:12

Most of our struggling in prayer is for ourselves. What would it look like to be people who struggle in prayer for others? This morning we will look at the example of a New Testament saint who was known for his struggling in prayer for other people.

MEDITATION / APPLICATION

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1. How large a percentage of your prayer time is spent asking God for a better job, a better home, food, clothes and other necessities vs. praying for others?
2. Do you pray mostly out of a sense of obligation? Is prayer boring to you? Is it more of a duty than a pleasure?
3. What is that the end-purpose of prayer?
4. What exactly do you get from your time of prayer?

Examples Kingdom Prayers by Kay Daigle

Read the passage and the prayer. What would be defining characteristics of Kingdom prayers and are you praying them. Use them as a template if you find them helpful.

Mt. 6:33-34: That I might seek God's kingdom first in my life. (If there are monetary or physical needs involved, this is a condition necessary for God's promise to supply to kick in.)

Jas. 1:2-4, 12: That God would use this difficulty to produce endurance, completion, and blessing in my life.

Jas. 1:17-18; 4:3: That I would trust that God gives good gifts and realize that His gifts are better than those I desire.

Eph. 1:17-21: That God would give me wisdom and the revelation of Him in the midst of this time.

Eph. 4:1-3: That I would walk worthy and show forth these qualities to others with whom I am having difficulty. (Look at the list of qualities)

Col. 1:9-12: That God would fill me with the knowledge of His will that I may walk worthy.

Col. 3:1-4: That God will give me the grace to set my mind on the things above rather than the circumstances.

Rom. 8:28-29: That I will trust that God is at work in the midst of these difficulties for my good, not for my destruction; that God will use this time to mold me more into the image of Jesus.

