

**LESSON # 23**  
**THE CHRISTIAN LIFE AND EXPERIENCE**  
**PART 2: PRAYER**

As we move towards the end of the Sunday School year, for the next four weeks we will discuss “the Christian Life and Experience.” As usual, we turn to the Bible to discover what the normal Christian experience looks like.

Our passage of scripture for the next four weeks will be from the Book of Acts 2:42 – 47:

*“They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. [43] Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. [44] All the believers were together and had everything in common. [45] Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. [46] Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, [47] praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”*

This passage defines the practice of the early church directly after it was founded by Jesus Christ on the day of Pentecost (fifty days after His resurrection.)

The four key elements of the practice of the early Christians in the early church were:

- 1) “They devoted themselves to the apostles “teaching \_\_\_\_\_”
- 2) “They devoted themselves to \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) “They devoted themselves to \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) “They devoted themselves to the breaking of bread \_\_\_\_\_

Each week for the next four we will look at one of these aspects of the Christian life and experience.

**THIS WEEK WE LOOK AT: PRAYER**

Everyone engages in prayer at one time or another. Even that person who says "I don't believe in God," cries out when the crisis looms, "Oh God, help me!" We are all acquainted with prayer to some extent or another. Prayer is one of the greatest privileges God has given man. We can come into the presence of God, the Creator of this universe, and talk with Him. And what's more, He always listens! Effective Prayer life (Chuck Smith - Pg.43) WE tell new believes that prayer is simply talking to God.

Look up the following scriptures and answer the questions about prayer.

**(I) WHAT IS \_\_\_\_\_ ?**

**(II) \_\_\_\_\_ SHOULD PRAY?**

**(A) Psalms 32:6**

**(III) WHO SHOULD WE \_\_\_\_\_ ?**

**(A) Matthew 6:6, 9**

**(IV) WHAT SHOULD WE PRAY \_\_\_\_\_ ?**

**(A) Philippians 4:6**

**(B) Matthew 6:10**

**(C) Matthew 9:38**

**(D) 2 Thessalonians 3:1**

**(E) James 5:13-16**

**(F) Ephesians 3:14-19**

**(V) \_\_\_\_\_ SHOULD WE PRAY?**

**(A) 1 Corinthians 1:2**

**(B) Luke 19:46**

**(C) Matthew 6:6**

**(VI) \_\_\_\_\_ SHOULD WE PRAY?**

**(A) Luke 18:1**

**(B) 1 Thessalonians 3:10**

**(C) Psalm 61:2**

**(VII) \_\_\_\_\_ PRAY?**

(A) **Luke 22:40**

(B) **Ephesians 6:10-12**

(C) **Ephesians 3:20**

(D) **John 15:5**

(VIII) \_\_\_\_\_ **SHOULD WE PRAY?**

(A) **Romans 8:26**

(B) **1 John 5:14**

(C) **Matthew 6:5**

(D) **Jude 20**

(E) **1 Corinthians 14:15**

(IX) \_\_\_\_\_ **TO PRAYER**

(A) **Isaiah 59:2**

(B) **1 Peter 3:7**

(C) **James 1:6-8**

(D) **Luke 18:9-14**

