

“A Community of Prayerful Love¹”

1 Thessalonians 5:17

¹In Dallas Willard's helpful guide to kingdom life titled "The Divine Conspiracy," he used the phrase above to describe what life would be like if we applied the Sermon on the Mount in our believing communities. How different our families can "look" and "be" when we practice the teachings of Christ. Church-life can actually be a preview of Heaven when we embrace the abundant life Jesus offers through obedience to Him. At the heart of it all is ***prayer...***

1. Some Practical Definitions...

2. Some Pragmatic Benefits...

A. Perspective: (See Matthew 6:5-13)

B. Peace: (See Philippians 4:4-9)

C. Discernment: (See Hebrews 5:12-14)

3. Some Parental Suggestions...

Application: W. Barclay wrote, "They pray best together who also pray alone." Regardless of our season of life or situation, we need both. If you are spending time in prayer with Him alone and with others...rejoice! If not, what could you do to start? When?

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