

“Don’t Misplace Your Keys”

INTRODUCTION: LAST WEEK – The “keys” of the GOSPEL.
– Matthew 16:19 – Given to every Christian at salvation.

I. What Is Prayer?

- “Prayer” is simply having a “heart-to-heart” talk with God.
- Anybody can pray ... anywhere, anytime, anybody.

II. What Can Prayer Do?

- “Prayer” ... UNLOCKS the POWER of God.
- Satan hates it when you pray – “*Satan trembles when he sees the weakest Christian on his knees.*”
- God responds to prayer – Jer. 33:3, James 5:16, 1 Peter 3:12
- We must pray in God’s will ... He’s smarter than you are.
- God may have something BETTER for you, than your request.
- Prayer gets God “involved” in our life ... He can “intervene” to prevent a “mess”.

III. What Will Prayer Do?

1.- Prayer Will Keep You From Sin – Matthew 26:41

- “Prayer will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from prayer.”
- God can lead you away from “temptation” – Mt. 6:13a
- God makes provision – 1 Cor. 10:13, 2 Peter 2:9a

2.- Prayer Will Encourage You – Luke 18:1

- The “key” of prayer can unlock the door to “joy” – John 16:24

3.- Prayer Will Keep You From Worry – Philippians 4:6-7

- 1 Peter 5:7 – “Worry” makes it OUR problem ... “Concern” makes it GOD’S problem.

4.- Prayer Will Bring The Lost To Jesus

- Acts 16:25-30 – Through prayer, the lost become more “receptive” to our message of the Gospel.
- Salvation is the work of the Holy Spirit – John 6:44, 1 Cor. 3:6
- Great things happened when they prayed – Acts 2:42,47

CONCLUSION: When you pray, God works.

- He’s waiting to hear from you ... use the “key” of prayer to “unlock” all that God has for you.