

## When You've Given Up on Prayer

Sunday, October 9, 2022 Dave Michel Stepping Stones Community Church

- 1. What prayer is not
  - A formal presentation
  - A wish list to God
  - A spiritual <u>negotiation</u>
  - A performance to impress others
- 2. Prayer isn't just an <u>action you do</u>; prayer is a way that you <u>live</u>
- 3. To be effective in this world and follow Jesus' example, we need to <u>disconnect</u> with this world and connect with God
  - Find a <u>secluded</u> place to pray
  - Find a good time to pray
  - Make it a <u>practice</u> to do it <u>daily</u>

<sup>6</sup> Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. <sup>7</sup> Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7 NLT

Never stop praying.	1 Thessalonians 5:17 NL
Pray continually	1 Thessalonians 5:17 NIV
Pray without ceasing.	1 Thessalonians 5:17 KJ\

Next Steps:
☐ Commit to follow Jesus' Way in life
☐ Commit to get alone and pray every day this week
☐ Spend time this week talking and sharing with God about what is on my heart and mind
☐ Commit to expand my prayer life so that it is more of a lifestyle throughout each day

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> "Here's what I want you to do: Find a quiet, secluded place so you won't be tempted to role-play before God. Just be there as simply and honestly as you can manage. The focus will shift from you to God, and you will begin to sense his grace.

Matthew 6:6 MSG