

5-Day Prayer Challenge

Holiday Edition

Day Two Challenge

Welcome to Day Two!

Our lesson today covered the four different types of prayer and being confident about being heard by God.

Four different types of prayer that God WANTS to hear from you. That alone should tell us to pray with confidence.

Remembering that He wants to hear from people who know Him. That's a biggie too. Why would He listen to requests from someone who cares nothing about being pleasing to God most of the time? We as parents understand this, I think. Ungrateful children will not get their desires met as readily as grateful children will.

Today's challenge is to meet God right where you are, right now, today.

Is your challenge today being too wrapped up in places to go, shopping to do, meals to plan, etc.?

Remember Martha and Mary – those things may need to be done, but don't forget the most important things in the process. Time with God, studying His word, and focusing on those who need you – those are the important things. Pray to God for help to keep your priorities right.

Is your challenge to keep from spending money you do not have on gifts or entertaining? We are to be good stewards. As was mentioned yesterday, NONE of this MUST be done. The days can be celebrated without fancy wrapping paper, piles of gifts, and all-you-can-eat dinners.

Is your challenge to keep in mind people's spiritual needs over their physical needs? Yes, people need food and shelter. But above all they need the salvation God offers to them. Every person you meet is a soul that needs Jesus. Don't let the holidays push aside opportunities that come your way to spread the best gift ever given.

Whatever your challenge today – maybe, like me this past week, it's just being interested in the holidays at all. I've struggled to even be in the mood to enjoy family time. My selfishness creeps in and says, "but I'm tired, I don't want to do

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XYZ". But my family needs me to be a part of things. Others need me to notice them. I need God's help to keep my eyes looking out towards others.

So, use any of the forms you like and write a prayer that deals with your challenge(s) right now.

Give them to God. Jesus says to give up the yoke you carry and take His yoke instead (Mt. 11:28-30). God already knows your needs and your weakness. Speak it, write it, pray it to Him and get rid of it.

Freeing your mind from these burdens only opens you up to do more for the Lord and for those around you.

Enjoy!

With all diligence,

Angela – The Diligent Woman

PS – Don't forget to check your email or the blog post where you found today's challenge for ways to interact with others going through the challenge.

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