



### Introduction

Every morning somewhere in the world, someone doesn't wake up. God has ordained that it was their time to go to sleep and await the sound of the trumpet from the angels who will announce the call from Jesus to awaken and rise up from their state of death, in order to come before the throne of grace and be judged and receive a place in Heaven or in hell.

Those of us that still wake up each morning, need to spend time with God by going into our prayer closets, entering into His gates with thanksgiving, into His courts with praise, and inviting God to have a conversation with us.

Each and every morning I do this. And each time, I feel the Holy Spirit with me through the day.

But the one thing I've learned that is truly important is to stop going into my prayer closet with my prayer being self-centered. And God taught me how to just sit there, and listen.

Prayer should never be one sided: "Lord give me this, bless me with that, please Lord I need this..." Prayer should always be making our requests known unto God, that's a given. But, we should then just be still, be quiet, and listen.

God still wants to speak to us. He wants us to know His will for our lives. He wants us to receive what He has for us. And all of this can happen IF we learn to listen to His Will.

So, let's get started. And you'll begin to see how and why you should be **SPENDING TIME WITH GOD...With Your Ears Open.** 



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# **Chapter One**



Jesus set clear protocol for how to pray.

Jesus set clear protocol for how not to pray.

Jesus gave clear examples of what to pray.

Jesus gave clear examples of when to pray.

Jesus gave clear examples of who to pray for.

There are many scriptures that back up the above five statements, so why is it that many Christians still want to do it our way?

The answer is actually quite simple...FLESH.

Our flesh does not want to pray.

Our flesh does not want to honor God in any way.

Our flesh does not want to be part of our prayer.

Our flesh does not want to give glory to God.

Our flesh does not want to serve God.

In order to feel what we as humans feel, Jesus left His Holy place in Heaven, was bron of a vrigin, lived on Earth as a mortal man, then allowed Himself to be crucified dead and buried, just to pay the penalty for our sins.

During the 30+ years that He lived on Earth, he did so in the flesh. But there is one difference. He "worked" to keep His flesh under control, and under subjection to God.



We know what happens when we allow our flesh to take the lead role over our thoughts, actions, and reactions. It most often leads to us committing sin.

If we allow our flesh to be in control of us, it would surely destroy us. How do we know?

The Bible gives us clear references to it.

Ezekiel 28 verse 17 says, "Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou has corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness..."

This passage is speaking of Lucifer's fall from Heaven. His heart, which is flesh, became wicked, and corrupted because of his beauty. He was adorned with every kind of precious stone, as well as musical instruments.

Vanity set in.

And the anointed cherub, who was on the Holy mountain of God, was full of wisdom, perfect in beauty, and perfect in his ways from the day he was created, fell. Vanity overtook his spirit, he became wicked, and set out to try and set himself above God.

At some point in our lives, as humans, we surely must come to a place in our walk with Christ where we understand that it is not about us.

God allows us to live. He gives us numerous chances to get it right. Even after we've messed up. He even forgives our sin.

The devil no longer has any of these right and privileges, because they have been handed to us. And if you've ever wondered why the devil hates us so much, it's because we've been given access to what he lost.



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God is the author of the Bible. It is meant to be our instruction manual, our roadmap home. Without it, we are lost. Use the information in these books to help you and others.

God destroys the darkness behind us, to direct us toward our destiny ahead. So whatever you do on your journey, never turn back. God bless you in your walk with Christ.Amen.



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