

V. PRAYER IS **E**MPHATIC (1:9; 4:2)

A. We never **C**ease praying (1:9).

B. We **D**esperately seek Him (4:2).

“O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; my flesh longs for You...”

Psalm 63:1

C. We **W**atch for His guidance (4:2).

“I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.”

Psalm 32:8

VI. PRAYER IS **R**EWARDING (1:12; 4:3)

A. We get an **I**nheritance (1:12).

“In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will,”

Ephesians 1:11

B. We get to **S**ee Christ (4:3).

“3 When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,

4 What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him?

5 For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor.”

Psalm 8:3-5

CONCLUSION:

“FOLLOW ME”

The Gospels record Jesus making this statement 19 times.

Are You Following Christ?

#JESUS

Following Jesus In Prayer

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INTRODUCTION

A. In today’s society, we “follow”, post and tweet nearly everything, but are we pursuing the only One who calls us to follow him with our entire lives?

“6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,

7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.”

Colossians 2:6-7

Jesus plus nothing equals everything!!

B. In #Jesus, Following The Life Of Christ, we will explore the Bible book of Colossians and what it means to follow Christ both today and for eternity. This nine part series features the following messages:

April 5 Becoming A Follower Of Jesus

April 12 Why Follow Jesus

April 19 Following Jesus In Ministry

April 26 Following Jesus In Truth

May 3 Following Jesus In Habits

May 10 Following Jesus In The Home

May 17 Following Jesus In The Workplace

TODAY Following Jesus In Prayer

May 31 Following Jesus In Relationships

This series is for everyone!

C. **TEXT:** Colossians 1:9-12; 4:2-6 (Pew Bible/Pgs. 204, 206/
New Testament)

FOLLOWING JESUS IN PRAYER

I. PRAYER IS **P**OWERFUL (1:9-11)

“...The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.” James 5:16

A. It gives us **K**nowledge (1:9, 10):
Of His **W**ill for us and of **G**od.

B. It gives us **W**isdom (1:9)
“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God...”
James 1:5

C. It gives us spiritual **u**nderstanding (1:9).
“Your hands have made me and fashioned me;
Give me understanding, that I may learn Your
commandments.” Psalm 119:73

D. It **s**trengthens us (1:11).
“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens
me.” Philippians 4:13

II. PRAYER IS **R**EQUIRED (1:10-11)

A. We must **W**alk worthy of the Lord (1:10).
“I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you
to walk worthy of the calling with which you were
called,” Ephesians 4:1

B. We must aim to **P**lease Him (1:10).
“...For if I still pleased men, I would not be a
bondservant of Christ.” Galatians 1:10

C. We must be **F**ruitful (1:10).
“You did not choose Me, but I chose and appointed
you that you should go and bear fruit...” John 15:16

III. PRAYER IS **A**VAILABLE (1:9)

“Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee
from Your presence?” Psalm 139:7

“The Lord your God is in your midst, The Mighty One, will
save;...” Zephaniah 3:17

A. He is **A**lways available.

B. He has **A**lways been available.

C. All we have to do is **A**sk.

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find;
knock, and it will be opened to you.” Matthew 7:7

IV. PRAYER IS **Y**IELDING (1:12; 4:3)

“And He said, ‘Abba, Father, all things are possible for
You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I
will, but what You will.’” Mark 14:36

A. We seek His **W**ill for our lives (1:9).

“Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what
the will of the Lord is.” Ephesians 5:17

B. We understand who our **B**lessing are from (1:12).

“Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For
His mercy endures forever.” I Chronicles 16:34

C. We **W**alk through His open doors (4:2).

“I know your works. See, I have set before you an
open door, and no one can shut it;” Revelation 3:8