

Do You Speak With God

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Unfortunately, in our world today, prayer is something that is only used when something bad happens. When the Twin Towers fell in 2001, it seemed almost everyone was kneeling and going to God in prayer. It seems that we only go to God when there is a problem in our lives. And then when things are going well we forget about prayer and continue on with our daily lives. I think that we should spend even more time praying to God when things are going good in our lives. James said in James 1:17, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change." We should remember that all good things come from God. The reason we're having a good day is because God has allowed to have a good day. And all the praise and glory should go to Him rather than ourselves. If we're going to give God the glory we need to be sure we have an understanding that prayer is speaking to God. Psalm 4:3 states, "The Lord has set apart the godly for himself. The Lord will answer when I call to Him." The godly are those who are faithful and devoted to God. David, speaking in Psalms, knew that God would hear him when he called and would answer him. We too can share this same confidence that God does listen to our prayers and answers when we call on Him. He hears and answers, although his answers may not be what we expect. We should look at our problems in the light of God's power instead of looking at God in the shadow of our problems. Praying is also an amazing privilege that we have been given. Prayer is our approach to God and we are to come boldly to Him. We should come with reverence to Him because He is our King, our Lord, our Savior and Creator. When we go to God do we give the reverence we should? Sometimes it seems we forget who exactly we're talking to. This is the amazing God that created us, that spoke to Abraham and Moses and ultimately the God who sent His own Son to come and die for us so that we can have the hope of salvation. What a great privilege it is that we have the ability to go to such an amazing God and talk to Him. With the privilege of speaking to God, it's something that we should do continually. Paul told the church in Thessalonica in 1 Thessalonians 5:16, "(16) Rejoice always, (17) pray without ceasing, (18) give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." Prayer is something that should be apart of our daily lives, and it's something that we should want to do rather than something we feel we have to do. We feel the need to call for help when things are going bad, however we should also continually go to God and thank Him for the blessings that we've received when things are going well in our lives. We should never forget that all good things come from God.