

Savior Supreme
Earnest Prayer
Colossians 4:2

Many of us grew up in an era where children were to be seen but not heard. With regard to the family unit, it was very clear who was in charge and who was along for the ride. In many cases today, the kids are in charge. Their schedule dictates the rest of the family's schedule and parents are expected to accommodate all the interests of the children. Both of these extremes can impact the way we relate to God and how we view our relationship with Him.

1. We don't believe in _____.
2. We buy into the _____.
3. We think our requests are _____ or _____.
4. We fail to _____ our spouses.
5. We have _____ or _____ sin.

Jesus seemed to love communicating with and hanging out with His followers. He seemed to love those moments when the disciples asked things of him. Perhaps the reason for the discipline of prayer and the reason the Bible places such an importance on it is because it reveals whether or not we believe that God is sufficient and we are not. God is sufficient, so much so, that He even provided prayer—the mechanism by which we learn about and experience His sufficiency.

Reflection

Consider developing your own vigilance and devotion to prayer. It may be helpful to set aside time and schedule a daily time for prayer. Instead of blocking out one hour, consider blocking out ten minute time slots, four to six times during the day. In addition to designating times, consider designating places where distractions will be minimal. Pray in concentric circles, revealing your own heart to God and then expand those circles to family, friends, neighbors, church, and so on. Pray through the Scriptures, praying back the words, and praying for insight into the Scriptures.