PLUG INTO THE POWER OF PRAYER

Seeking a Kingdom

Matthew 6:10
WHY IS DIFFICULT TO FIND TIME TO PRAY

When life is going smoothly, and our truest heart treasures seem safe, it does not occur to us to pray. Also, ordinarily our prayers are not varied – they consist usually of petitions, occasionally some confession. . . In short, we have no positive, inner desire to pray.

Timothy Keller: Prayer, page 77
• The role of humility
• The appreciation of intimacy
• The value of simplicity
• An appreciation of necessity
• The significance of saying “Our Father”
• A deep concern that God’s name be glorified before men
... your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
KINGDOM QUESTIONS

• The kingdom is future
• The kingdom is here and “not yet”
• I am a subject of the King
A FOUNDATIONAL COMMITMENT

Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
WHY DO WE FEAR

• We realize that our lives are not in line with that which God desires.
  1. Rebellion
  2. Confession and repentance
• We don’t trust the goodness of God.
39 Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”

Matthew 26:39

42 He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.”

Matthew 26:42
FUNDAMENTAL REORDERING OF PRIORITIES

1. An overriding desire that God’s glory will be made known to us and to those around us.

2. A desire for God’s kingdom rule.

3. A willingness sublimate our desires to the will of the Father.
TO GO. . .

• Do you live anticipating the future kingdom of God?
• Are you willing to submit to God’s rule now because of what He already done for you and promised you in the future?
• If not, what does this say about God's actual place in your life?