



## **ENABLER #1: GOD**

### **MAXIMIZING POTENTIAL THROUGH PARTNERING WITH GOD**

Prayer Equips Us for the Work of the Lord

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.” Colossians 4:2 (NIV)

Isn't it exciting that we can come to the Father through prayer? What a privilege! What an opportunity we have!

Wesley L. Duewel said it best; “God waits for you to communicate with Him. You have instant, direct access to God. God loves mankind so much, and in a very special sense His children, that He has made Himself available to you at all times”.

Philippians 4:6-7 tells us, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Jesus was a great prayer warrior. Even though He is the Son of God and knew who God is personally, He took time to connect with the Father regularly through prayer during His ministry on earth (Luke 5:16 and Mark 1:35). This tells us prayer is probably the most important thing we can do as Christians. Yes, it is an opportunity to worship God and to show our vulnerabilities as humans but it also allows God to equip us for the work the Father has commissioned us to do. It allows God to work through us and for us!

It is only through prayer that the will and grace of God can abound in our lives, in the church, and in our world. We miss out when we fail to pray. “The greatest tragedy of life is not unanswered prayer, but unoffered prayer.” F.B. Meyer.

**FAITH IN ACTION:** Lord, give me a heart that looks forward to sharing all of my needs and requests with You, without ceasing. Help me to learn how to be “joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer.”

Talking to my Heavenly Father is a comfort and joy.