



Once again, DEVOTION can be described as

“exerting great effort to persist in doing something.”

That devoted is manifested in
continuous and habitual behavior.



DEVOTED TO PRAYER

Acts 2:42-47

WHAT DEVOTION TO PRAYER LOOKED LIKE

ACTS

1:14; 3:1; 4:23-31; 6:4

10:4, 31; 12:5; 16:13, 16

WHY PRAYER?

Scripture commands it

1 Chron. 16:11; Matt. 7:7; Luke 18:1-8; Eph. 6:18;
1 Thess. 5:17

Jesus expects it Luke 19:46

Jesus taught it Matt. 6:9-13




Jesus modeled it

Matt. 6:46-47; Mark 1:35; Luke 5:16;

Luke 6:12; Luke 22:41-42; John 17

If prayer was that essential to the Savior while living below, what makes us think we can make it through without it?

Prayer is our lifeline John 15:1-4



“These early Christians knew that they could not meet life in their own strength and that they did not need to do so. They always spoke to God before they spoke with men; they always went in to God before they went out to the world; they could meet the problems of life because they had first met God.”

- Wm. Barclay



FOR THOSE WHO LEAD

“No amount of learning can make up for a failure to pray. No earnestness, no diligence, no study, no gifts will supply its lack. Give yourself to prayer, and get your texts, your thoughts and your words from God.

Yes, talking to men for God is a great thing, but talking to God for men is greater still. Martin Luther said, ‘He that has prayed well has studied well.’”

- E.M. Bounds



INVITATION AND ASSURANCE

“Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

- Heb. 4:16