



STUDY GUIDE – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 11

-The Privilege of Prayer– Part 1

Memory Verses: Matthew 7:7, Mark 11:24, Hebrews 4:15



“By prayer man is braced for duty and prepared for trial. Morning and evening our earnest prayers should ascend to God for His blessing and guidance. True prayer takes hold upon Omnipotence, and gains the victory. Upon his knees the Christian obtains strength to resist temptation. And while engaged in our daily work, we should lift the soul to heaven in prayer. It was thus that Enoch walked with God. The silent, fervent prayer of the soul rises like holy incense to the throne of grace, and is as acceptable to God as if offered in the sanctuary. To all who thus seek Him, Christ is a present help in time of need. In the day of trial they will be brave and strong.”

– *The Signs of the Times, January 29, 1902*

1. *God speaks to us through?*
2. *But these are not enough, we need also to do what?*
3. *What must we have, in order to commune with God?*
4. *What is prayer?*
5. *When Jesus was upon earth, He taught His disciples how to pray. How did He direct them?*
6. *What assurance did Jesus give them and also to us?*
7. *What happens to those who neglect to pray?*
8. *Prayer in the hand of faith is the key that unlocks what?*
9. *Without unceasing prayer and diligent watching we are in danger of what?*
10. *Upon which conditions may we expect that God will hear and answer our prayers?*
11. *What should we do, when we do not receive the very things we asked for, at the time we ask?*





12. *To claim that prayer will always be answered in the very way and for the particular thing that we desire, is seen as what?*

13. *What will only increase and deepen if we take counsel with our doubts and fears, or try to solve everything that we cannot see clearly, before we have faith?*

“When men have to swim against the stream, there is a weight of waves driving them back. Let a hand then be held out, as was the Elder Brother's hand to a sinking Peter and let hopeful advice be given that will establish confidence and awaken love. You can not tell how such a work is registered in the heavenly books. Let the one who is supposed to have moved wrong be given no occasion by his brother to become discouraged, but let him feel the strong clasp of a sympathizing hand; let him hear the whisper, "Let us pray." The Holy Spirit will give a rich experience to both. It is prayer that unites hearts. It is prayer to the Great Physician to heal the soul that will bring the blessing of God. Prayer unites us with one another and with God. Prayer brings Jesus to our side, and gives new strength and fresh grace to the fainting, perplexed soul to overcome the world, the flesh and the devil. Prayer turns aside the attacks of Satan.”

– Spalding & Magan Collection, Page 67





ANSWER SHEET – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 11

1. **A.** Nature & Revelation **B.** Providence **C.** Influence of His Spirit
2. *Pour out our hearts to Him*
3. *Something to say to Him concerning our actual life.*
4. *Prayer is the opening of the heart to God as to a friend.*
5. **A.** To present their daily needs before God **B.** To cast all their care upon Him
6. *That our petitions should be heard*
7. *The darkness of the evil one encloses him.*
8. *Heaven's storehouse, where are treasured the boundless resources of omnipotence.*
9. *Growing careless and deviating from the right path.*
10. **A.** That we feel our need of help from Him **B.** The heart must be open to the Spirit's influence **C.** If we do not regard iniquity in our hearts **D.** If we cling not to any known sin **E.** When all known wrongs are righted.
11. *We are still to believe that the Lord hears and that He will answer our prayers.*
12. *Presumption*
13. *Perplexities*
14. *Sincere Prayer*





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OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 44:3

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 7:7

Mark 11:24

Romans 8:32

Hebrews 4:15

Hebrews 11:6





WHAT DOES IT MEAN? – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 11

**Webster's 1828 Dictionary – In Public Domain*

Deviat[e] - ing

To turn aside or wander from the common or right way, course or line, either in a literal or figurative sense; as, to deviate from the common track or path, or from a true course.

To stray from the path of duty; to wander, in a moral sense; to err; to sin.

Infinite

Without limits; unbounded; boundless; not circumscribed; applied to time, space and qualities. God is infinite in duration, having neither beginning nor end of existence. He is also infinite in presence, or omnipresent, and his perfections are infinite. We also speak of infinite space.

Omnipotence

*L. omnipotens; omnis, **all**, and potens, **powerful***

Presumption

Unreasonable confidence in divine favor.

Blind or headstrong confidence; unreasonable adventurousness; a venturing to undertake something without reasonable prospect of success, or against the usual probabilities of safety; presumptuousness.



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