



## STUDY GUIDE – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 11

### -The Privilege of Prayer– Part 2

**Memory Verses: Romans 12:12, Philippians 4:6, 1 Peter 4:7**



*“Secret prayer is very important; in solitude the soul is laid bare to the inspecting eye of God, and every motive is scrutinized. Secret prayer! How precious! The soul communing with God! Secret prayer is to be heard only by the prayer-hearing God. No curious ear is to receive the burden of such petitions. In secret prayer the soul is free from surrounding influences, free from excitement. Calmly, yet fervently, will it reach out after God. **Secret prayer is frequently perverted, and its sweet designs lost, by loud vocal prayer.** Instead of the calm, quiet trust and faith in God, the soul drawn out in low, humble tones, the voice is raised to a loud pitch, and excitement is encouraged, and secret prayer loses its softening, sacred influence. There is a storm of feeling, a storm of words, making it impossible to discern the still, small voice that speaks to the soul while engaged in its secret, true, heartfelt devotion. **Secret prayer, properly carried out, is productive of great good.**”*

– *Testimonies for the Church, Volume 2, Chapter 28*

1. *Through what are we brought into connection with the mind of the infinite?*
2. *What should we have when we come to ask mercy and blessing from God?*
3. *If we expect our own prayers to be heard we must do what?*
4. *What has been made a condition of receiving?*
5. *What is the life of the soul that should not be neglected?*
6. *By what do the soul hold communion with God and gathers to itself rays of divine light to strengthen and sustain it in the conflict with satan?*
7. *Is there any time or place in which it is inappropriate to offer up a petition to God.*
8. *Although there may be tainted, corrupted atmosphere around us, We need not breathe its miasma, but may live in the pure air of Heaven, but how?*
9. *But to pray in the name of Jesus is something more than a mere mention of that name at the beginning and the ending of a prayer. It is to pray in?*





10. *What loss do we sustain when we neglect the privilege of associating together to strengthen and encourage one another in the service of God?*
11. *He who shuts himself up to himself, is not filling what?*
12. *Let us not be always thinking of our wants and never of the benefits we receive. We do not pray any too much, but we are too sparing of what?*
13. *That which is done for the glory of God should not be done with sadness and gloom but with?*
14. *Our God is a tender, merciful Father, His service should not be looked upon as a what?*

*“God does not mean that any of us should become hermits or monks and retire from the world in order to devote ourselves to acts of worship. **The life must be like Christ's life--** between the mountain and the multitude. **He who does nothing but pray will soon cease to pray,** or his prayers will become a formal routine. When men take themselves out of social life, away from the sphere of Christian duty and cross bearing; when they cease to work earnestly for the Master, who worked earnestly for them, they lose the subject matter of prayer and have no incentive to devotion. Their prayers become personal and selfish. They cannot pray in regard to the wants of humanity or the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom, pleading for strength wherewith to work”*

*– Steps to Christ, Page 101, Chapter 11*





## **ANSWER SHEET – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 11**

1. *Sincere prayer*
2. *A Spirit of love and forgiveness in our own hearts*
3. *Forgive others in the same manner and to the same extent as we hope to be forgiven*
4. *Perseverance in prayer*
5. *Secret prayer*
6. *Calm, simple faith*
7. *No*
8. *We may close every door to impure imaginings and unholy thoughts by lifting the soul into the presence of God through sincere prayer.*
9. *In the mind and Spirit of Jesus, while we believe His promise, rely upon His grace, and work His works.*
10. *The truths of His Word lose their vividness and importance in our minds.*
11. *Not filling the position that God designed he should*
12. *Of giving thanks*
13. *Cheerfulness, with songs of praise and thanksgiving*
14. *A heart saddening, distressing exercise.*





## **VERSE INDEX – STEPS TO CHRIST, CHAPTER 11**

### **OLD TESTAMENT**

Deuteronomy 12:7

Psalm 50:23

Psalm 107:8

Psalm 147:3

Isaiah 51:3

### **NEW TESTAMENT**

Matthew 6:12

John 15:16

John 16:26-27

**Romans 12:12**

**Philippians 4:6**

Colossians 4:2

Hebrews 7:25

James 5:11

**1 Peter 4:7**

Jude 20-21





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

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

### ***Distressing***

*Giving severe pain; oppressing with affliction.*

*Very afflicting; affecting with severe pain; as a distressing sickness.*

### ***Miasma [Gr. to pollute.]***

*Infecting substances floating in the air; the effluvia or fine particles of any putrefying bodies, rising and floating in the atmosphere, and considered to be noxious to health.*

### ***Perseverance***

*Persistence in any thing undertaken; continued pursuit or prosecution of any business or enterprise begun; applied alike to good or evil.*

### ***Tainted***

*Impregnated with something noxious, disagreeable to the senses or poisonous; infected; corrupted; stained.*

### ***Vividness***

*Life; strength; sprightliness.*

*Strength of coloring; brightness.*



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