

3rd John #2 “The Apostle John’s Prayer” 3rd John 1-4

Our prayer for others becomes a ministry but if our prayer for ourselves is more than a small portion of our prayer-life; that indicates either lack of understanding God’s problem-solving devices or failure to properly use them as royal priests.

As part of equal privilege of election, the Church Age believer is a royal priest and because this is true, there’s never before in history been such an emphasis on every believer entering into prayer.

God knew and answered all our prayers in eternity past and all answered prayer is part of our portfolio of invisible assets.

Prayer is an invisible power directed toward invisible God regarding our invisible assets. *The more we grow in grace, the greater our effectiveness in our prayer life and effectiveness is not measured in terms of our eloquence when praying in public but on the basis of our spiritual growth when praying in private.*

In the spiritual life, we have alertness for when prayer is needed and God is ordering us to make prayer a habit.

Thanksgiving is our capacity for appreciation and a part of function of impersonal love. *Too many prayers are expressions of what people want, not what God wants; so to express the will of God in our prayers, we have to come to know what the will of God is or how to ask for the will of God instead of our own will.*

We fail to concentrate on biblical truth in the power of the Spirit which reflects our failure to concentrate in prayer in the power of the same Holy Spirit.

One of our great priestly functions is prayer and when we pray for others, we enter into their ministry.

We fail in prayer because we malfunction in our spiritual life when we don’t understand the will and plan of God for our lives; so, the importance of prayer being compatible with the plan of God for the Church Age believer cannot be overstated.

And we also fail in prayer because we fail to recover when we sin.

Far too many believers don’t understand confession of post-salvation sins and God’s promise of experiential cleansing, so they’re steeped in guilt and afraid to enter the presence of God, lacking confidence in Him.

Believers who choose not to pray are either ignorant of Jesus’ command to pray or they’re too busy with the details of life to focus on God.