

Essentials

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“Knowing What Is Truly Essential”

Essential Value: We value Continual Prayer as a life-sustaining connection to God - essential for developing a strong relationship with Him. Prayer is our intimate and direct access to God. He welcomes us to call on Him with the promise that He will reveal Himself to us. In our willingness to listen we hear God's direction.

Essential verses: “*pray continually*,” 1 Thes. 5:17

⁷ “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. Matthew 7:7-8 (NIV)

But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31 (NKJV)

Essential Sentence:

We value Continual Prayer as a life-sustaining connection to God essential for developing a strong relationship with Him.

Essential Connections:

1. Continual prayer is Absolutely necessary (essential)
2. Continual Prayer is Highly Beneficial (life-sustaining)
3. Continual Prayer keeps me focused on God.

Isaiah 40:1-31

Essential Benefits:

When my focus is on God:

Life becomes fuller, bigger, better (developing)

I become powerful, healthy, firm (strong)

God becomes all I need. (relationship with Him)

Essential Truth:

God is all I need !

I will wait on Him!

³ For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. ⁴ Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. Isaiah 64:3-4 (NIV)

Essential Steps For This Week

Day 1 – Read Isaiah 40:1-31

Ask God to begin developing a strong relationship with you.

Day 2 - Is Continual Prayer a value in your life?

If so, then ask God to reveal what's Highly Beneficial and Absolutely Necessary for you to wait upon Him for.

If prayer is not a value in your life, what is holding you back? (busyness, lack of focus, job, problems, health)

Could this be the very thing God is using to get your attention?

Day 3 – Read Matthew 7:7-8

What have you asked God for lately?

What are you seeking for?

What door of opportunity are you knocking on?

What has God's response been to you?

Have you waited long enough for Him to answer you?

Day 4 – Meditate on Isaiah 40:31

Is God truly all you need?

Day 5 – Be still and quiet for at least ten uninterrupted minutes

today. Focus on God. Remember He is all you need!