PRAYERS BIGGEST SECRETS REVEALED II

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And it came about that while He was praying in a certain place, after He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John also taught his disciples." Luke 11:1

What are the secrets to prayer?

1. Prayer requires <u>a relationship</u>.

* Is God really your Father?

"If God were your Father, you would love Me; for I proceeded forth and have come from God, for I have not even come on My own initiative, but He sent Me. You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father." John 8:42, 44

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name. John 1:12

2. Prayer connects us with power.

But our God is in the heavens; He does whatever He pleases. Psalm 115:3

Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh; is anything too difficult for Me? Jeremiah 32:27

3. Prayer demands reverence.

Hallowed be Thy name. Matthew 6:9

And He struck down some of the men of Beth-shemesh because they had looked into the ark of the Lord. And the men of Beth-shemesh said, "Who is able to stand before the Lord, this holy God?" 1 Samuel 6:19-20

4. Prayer seeks His will, not our will.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Matthew 6:10

* Whose kingdom are you building?

5. Prayer is a <u>daily practice for daily needs. *Give us this day our daily bread. Matthew 6:11*</u>

* God is a daily provider.

6. Prayer is hindered when we won't forgive others.

But if you do not forgive men, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions. Matthew 6:15

* Are you harboring any grudges in your heart?

7. Prayer is needed for a life of victory.

And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Matthew 6:13

8. Prayer should conclude in praise and anticipation.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen. Matthew 6:13

* The King is in control, and He is coming!