3 Basic Types of Prayers

**Experience wanting God**

**Monday**

Read Matthew 6:33, Deuteronomy 4

* *Seek the Lord and you will find Him. You will seek that which you are devoted to. Journalize what you would like to know more of God. Now seek those things about Him.*

**Tuesday**

Read Philippians 3:7-11

* *Up until now what have you been looking for that has replaced God? Spend some time talking to God about exchanging those things for the better things He offers.*

**Wednesday**

Read Mark 12:30, Jeremiah 33:6, Look up scriptures on joy

* *Consider these statements: God is most glorified when we are most satisfied in Him. AND*

*The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.*

*Meditate on what it would be for you to become a Christian Hedonist.*

**Thursday**

Read Matthew 13:44, Matthew 16:24-27, Mark 10:28-34

* *When you find out how good God is, you are willing to exchange your old life for His new life, your goals for His goals, your desires for His desires. Seek Him to find what good things He has that you want.*

**Friday**

Read Colossians 2:3, Deuteronomy 29:29, Jeremiah 33:2, Proverbs 8:17-19

* *Anything you want in life takes effort. Take time today and expend some effort chasing God!*

3 Basic Types of Prayers - Part 1

Yongi Cho book "Prayer: the key to revival"

Matthew 7:7 “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; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

9 “Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? 11 If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

**1. The prayer of petition - Ask and it will be given to you**

Why do we need to ask?

a. It teaches us that God listens to us.

Psalms 34: 15 The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are attentive to their cry;

17 The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles.

B. It teaches us to depend on the Lord.

I once asked the Lord, “Do I need to ask you for everything?”  Yes…I want you to learn to depend on me.

C. Asking keeps our hearts open to God

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D. Asking God teaches us that prayer is simply talking to God, which points to relationship with Him, not empty religion

Matthew 6:7 New International Version (NIV)

7 And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words.

E. You ask God because you have needs, some of which you can’t deal with yourself

Ephesians 3:20 New International Version (NIV)

20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,

F. Asking God teaches us that God is abundantly good and that He loves us immensely

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The soul or heart condition of an asking person is dependent.

**2. The prayer of devotion - seek and you will find**

Deuteronomy 4:29 New International Version (NIV)

29 But if from there you seek the Lord your God, you will find him if you seek him with all your heart and with all your soul.

You will find God when you want Him with all your heart.

Matthew 6:33 New International Version (NIV)

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

We look for things that produce joy, peace and rest in our lives.

A vacation, a good movie, a fulfilling job, a happy marriage, a healthy strong body - we seek after things because we like those things and we think they will bring us joy, peace and rest.

But to walk with God, to talk with God, to hear from God, to get into God’s presence, to have God free us from our problems and our troubles, to know God and to be sure that He know’s us, to write down the rich and wonderful things He tells us, to read His wonderful word, to experience His miracles in our lives, to obey His promptings, to serve Him and follow Him with all our hearts, to be used by the loving Holy Spirit to change this world, to participate in the salvation of those who are lost and suffering, to be inside of Christ and have Christ inside of us, to drown in God’s love and then to love Him back

Cho: Before 5 am every morning, I don’t need an alarm clock to wake me up.  I just hear a knock at the door of my heart, and this automatically awakens me.  Then, I hear the Lord say, “Cho, it’s our time!  I desire to fellowship with you now.”

That’s what Jesus told us…love God with all your heart, your mind mind, your soul and your strength…You’ll love what you enjoy!

Philippians 3:7-11 New International Version (NIV)

7 But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. 8 What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. 10 I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

To seek God because you enjoy God is to worship God.

John 4:23 New International Version (NIV)

23 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.

John Piper - God is most glorified when we are most satisfied in Him.

The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

What is this?  Christian Hedonism! This is worship, this is devotion.

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What happens as a result of discovering the wonders of God???

You begin to let go of the stuff you thought was so important.

Devotion to God is when you joyfully and willingly let go of what you were previously chasing in this life in IN EXCHANGE for the huge thing God has for you!

Matthew 13:44

44 “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

Matthew 16:24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. 26 What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? 27 For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father’s glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.

Mark 10:28-34

28 Then Peter spoke up, “We have left everything to follow you!”

29 “Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel 30 will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.31 But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

Other examples:

When crowds quit following Jesus, his disciples stay with Him because He “had the words of life.”

When the disciples caught loads of fish, they left it all and chased Jesus.

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Cho: “I learned many years ago that it takes effort to get the treasures that God desires to give me.”

Colossians 2:3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Jeremiah 33:3 New International Version (NIV)

3 ‘Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.’

Deuteronomy 29:29 New International Version (NIV)

29 The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law.

Proverbs 8:17-19 New International Version (NIV)

17 I love those who love me,

and those who seek me find me.

18 With me are riches and honor,

 enduring wealth and prosperity.

19 My fruit is better than fine gold;

  what I yield surpasses choice silver.